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WE SHOULD WAKE UP.

"Year in and year out the educators of the country, with the assent of the parents, force the children to go to school and acquire arithmetic and algebra; history and bookworm; algebra and astigmatism; cube root and consumption; Caesar and spinal curvature." The American educator who summoned "alliteration's angel" did to emphasize his remarks, was pleading for more of practical or vocational training in the schools; but what he says strengthens the case for medical inspection in the schools. In this issue of the Times some facts are presented to show how far St. John is behind other Canadian cities, and how far New Brunswick is behind British Columbia in regard to the health of the children; but, most of all, to show how far St. John is behind Halifax and what the experience of that city should teach us concerning the need and the value of medical inspection in the schools.

The members of the Board of School Trustees would gladly introduce medical inspection if the funds were available. The thing to do is to create such a favorable public sentiment that when they ask for the small additional amount that is necessary it will not be thrown out of their estimates, but accepted as a necessary item of expenditure.

"Let us have a city-wide demand for medical inspection. In the schools of Halifax last year more than a thousand children were found to be suffering from some physical defect that needed medical or surgical treatment. There are, doubtless, quite as many in St. John. The city should no longer be guilty of the crime of neglect of its little ones. In Toronto a doctor and a nurse visit every school every day.

There is here a theme for sermons and addresses, and a field for a vigorous, organized effort to bring about a reform that is long overdue.

THE VICTORY LOAN.

Canadian Finance, of Winnipeg, presents the case for the Victory Loan in a very striking way. It says—

"Not always do loyalty and business interest make 'one clear call.' But such, certainly, is the case with Canada's Victory Loan. Even if its flotation countered the interests of agriculture, manufacturing and trade, there would still be a clear call to all loyal Canadians from the men overseas: 'Let not a sum of gold be more so dear to you that for its sake you will bring shame upon yourself and destruction upon us in the field.' This call from William the Silent to the Netherlands, centuries ago, is the call from the Flanders of today—to secure its freedom, and the world's, from a more heinous tyranny than that of Spain at its worst.

"Let us not take vain comfort to ourselves that the end of the struggle is in sight, nor that its outcome is a foregone conclusion. The military issue is still far from certain. And there will be no next time, if the struggle now goes against Britain and her Allies—not in our day nor in that of our children's children. As Hon. James Beck, in addressing the New York Liberty Loan Committee, said the other day: 'Germany would sit as overlord, as Satan sits in hell, because civilization will be a hell if this war is lost.' It is not a matter of slight importance that Canada's forthcoming loan should have a prompt and generous response. One last ounce of force—perhaps Canada's ounce at that—may decide the balance between victory and defeat. To the Kaiser's failure would mean more than miles of captured trenches. Be sure that Germany is watching us, far from the battle front though we are.

"The gift of freedom is bought with blood; to quote the words of an announcement from the Victory Loan Committee, 'but money will help preserve it.' For the sake of those lying somewhere in France who have sacrificed their lives, for the sake of those at home who have given up flesh of their flesh, Canada asks her citizens (men, women and children) to support with money the effort of the free peoples of the earth to secure liberty, to make the world safe for democracy.

"Surely there are considerations strong enough! When others give their lives shall we hesitate to lend our money? But lest our dull ears should not hear clearly the call of duty, the minister of finance is stressing the business advantages, indeed the business necessity, of widespread subscription. Canada must at once raise more money, not only that we may play our part in the war, but in order that our overseas trade may not be seriously checked."

The situation in Russia is such that all sorts of conflicting reports are sent out. A state of civil war exists. It is, however, that the Bolsheviks are with determined opposition in its to establish a government of workers and peasants. Kerensky is a factor to be reckoned with.

BOURASSA SPEAKS.

Mr. Henri Bourassa says he is "not in favor of putting Nationalist candidates in the field, because of the risk it would entail in weakening the efforts of the opposition."

In other words, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's attitude toward the war is good enough for Bourassa. That is the milk in the coconut.

It is for the members of the Liberal party throughout Canada to decide whether a war policy that is satisfactory to Mr. Bourassa and his Nationalist allies is good enough for them. They know his record. They know he is opposed to Canada's participation in the war, and that if he had his way not another Canadian soldier would take part in a struggle which involves the fate of Canada.

The choice today is not between Bourassa and Laurier, but between the union government for the war period and Mr. Henri Bourassa. The issue is infinitely greater than any quarrel between political parties. It strikes at the root of loyalty, and the challenge comes to every man to declare himself.

The Toronto Globe says: "The British advance in Flanders has none of the spectacular features of the Austro-German invasion of northern Italy, and seems a tame and unimaginative thing in contrast to it. But in the winning of the war it may well be decisive, for if German troops lose their grip upon the people of the Fatherland will be under no illusions as to what is involved. That Canada's splendid sons are taking part in the drive toward the Belgian coast is further evidence of the position they have won in the estimation of the leaders of the British army. What they are set to do they do, even when opposed by the best of Germany's picked troops." The list of casualties fills us with sadness that so many of our best should pass out in the flower of their youth, but with our grief is mingled a feeling of pride that Canadian valor is equal to every demand made upon it in the great struggle for human freedom.

The Bangor Commercial says: "The great corn crop of 8,191,088,000 bushels, which is more than 66,000,000 bushels in excess of all past achievements in this line in the United States, is not to be attributed to the advantages of the season, which is characterized by the Department of Agriculture as unfavorable, but to the response that the farmers made to the call of the nation and of the Allies. The acreage devoted to corn was larger than ever before. Mr. Hoover now has the corn and before him is the task of converting the American product to a more extensive use of corn bread."

So long as an annual school census is not taken in St. John, this is what happens: Families move in from the country with children of school age. The parents are poor. Perhaps they do not value schooling for their children. Perhaps they feel they cannot buy proper clothing and books. Perhaps they want all the children who are old enough to do some kind of work. The children do not go to school. There is no record of them anywhere. They grow up without any education. Is that giving them a fair start in life?

The Board of School Trustees should be heartily supported in its plan to have an enumeration of all children of school age. Under the law that should be done every year. In no other way can we be assured that all children of school age are sent to school.

The daily casualty list ought to make petty politics appear very small in the eyes of St. John people. Are we to stay in the war or get out of it? Bourassa would have us get out by the Laurier road.

Halifax—a medical inspector, two school nurses, dental clinic for schools, and free glasses, clothing and books for children whose parents cannot buy them. St. John has none of these. Poor old St. John—what?

The evening school in the Centennial building has grown so that two classes are necessary. That is a good sign. When will St. John have a trade school, open every day and every evening?

Lord Northcliffe reports that the United States is making great progress with its aviation programme. The "air navies" of next summer will prove a great factor in the great struggle.

The Public Safety Commission put six cent bread on sale in ten stores in Minneapolis today. As a result, several dealers reduced the price of bread.

The Italian situation is still very grave. If the army fails to hold the line of the Piave, Venice is in danger.

"We must lay plans for a long war. I see no signs of its being a short one."—Sir Eric Geddes.

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WITH APOLOGIES TO KIPLING

A nation spoke to a nation Concerning a Victory Loan. "Men have I sent and dollars spent. That the land may be our own. The gates are mine to open. And the gates are mine to close; But I'm in the light to the finish." Said Our Lady of the Snows.

LIGHTER VEIN.

The Language of the Patches.

A lady advertised for a man to work in her garden, and two men applied for the job. While she was interviewing them on the lawn she noticed that her mother on the piazza was making signs for her to choose the shorter of the two men, which she finally did. When the ladies were alone the daughter said: "Why did you signal me to choose the shorter man, mother? The other had a much better face."

"Face!" returned the old lady. "When you pick out a man to work in your garden you want to go by his ovaries. If they're patched on the knees you want him, if they're patched on the seat, you don't."—Boston Transcript.

"The New Crusade."

(T. D. Rhodes, in New York Herald.) March on, march on in honor's name, Columbia's torch is still aflame, Her flag aloft on land and sea, Her sword unsheathed mankind to free, Her sons onward go forth in might To war for liberty and right. March on, march on till victory won, Shall free all lands beneath the sun.

March on, march on in Freedom's cause, For righteous peace and righteous laws, For hearts and homes and altar fires, For freedom God gave to our sires. Go bear on high beyond the sea The stars of Liberty and the flag of the free, Lift up the weak, drive back the Hun, In God's crusade, march on, march on.

March on, march on the world to save, No freeman born shall die a slave. Restless press the trumpet call To battle for the dearest of all. The blood of martyrs he has slain Shall not for justice cry in vain. March on, march on, till victory won, Mankind is free—your mission done.

In honor of Dr. Katherine Travis, who is soon to leave the city to take up missionary work in Hunan, China, a farewell service of the Women's Auxiliary was held in Trinity church yesterday afternoon, conducted by Canon Armstrong. Archdeacon Crofton addressed the members present. Several presentations were afterwards made by Dr. Travis to the school house. She expects to be away about five years.



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LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

London Comment Partly Favorable, Partly Critical—His Explanation As To Why Serbia Was Not Adequately Assisted

New York, Nov. 12.—An Associated Press cable from London this morning says:

"The speech made yesterday by Premier Lloyd George in Paris has made a stir in the local press, where his references to the allies' 'incredible blunder' and other matters are printed under sensational headlines. Comment on the speech is mixed with criticism of the new allied war council, as announced here yesterday by Chancellor Bonar Law. Some of the newspapers endorse the speech in the main or are non-committal. Others criticize adversely the new military plan with the rumors, and rumors of wishing to take over the strategic direction of the allied campaign.

Rumors in the Sunday newspapers of the impending retirement of Field Marshal Haig and General Robertson, chief of the general staff, caused some commentators to insinuate that the reports were sent abroad intentionally by semi-official hints. The Morning Post connects the new plan with the rumors, and says that both the nation and the army are alarmed over it.

The Times says that the premier let himself go and thereby opened the flood-gates to a torrent of expert criticism.

The Premier's Speech

In his speech in Paris, Mr. Lloyd George, referring to the centralized direction of the allied efforts, said: "Unfortunately we did not have time to consult the United States or Russia before creating this council. The Italian disaster necessitated action without delay to repair it. This made it indispensable to commence right now with the powers whose forces may be employed on the Italian front. It was necessary to assure the complete success of this great experiment, which I believe is essential to the victory of our cause, it was necessary that all our great allies be represented in the deliberations. I am persuaded that we shall obtain the cooperation of these great countries and their co-operation in the work of the inter-allied council."

Mr. Lloyd George developed, at considerable length, the reasons for not taking the step earlier. He referred to "unmistakable and susceptible" when it came to treating questions on any front not commanded by generals taking part in the inter-allied consultations. The Allies had committed a great fault, he said, in not adequately assisting Serbia in holding her line, with the result that the Central Powers broke the blockade and procured men and supplies from the east, without which Germany doubtless would have been unable to maintain the forces of her armies.

"Why was this unbelievable fault committed?" asked the premier. "The reply is simple. It was because no one in particular was charged with guarding the Balkan gate. The unique front had not become a reality. France and England were absorbed by other problems in other regions. Italy thought only of the Carso. Russia was mounting guard over a frontier of 1,000 miles, and even without that, she could not have passed through to have helped Serbia, because Roumania was neutral."

Menace to Germany

"The war has been prolonged by particularism. It will be shortened by solidarity."

Casualty List Shows Activity Of Our Men

Many New Brunswick Names Among Killed and Wounded—News of the Soldiers

Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Anglin, of the Provincial Hospital, received a cable last evening from their son, Captain Gerald G. Anglin, M. C., as follows: "Leg broken by a splinter; resting very comfortably." His many friends, as well as his family, although regretting the occurrence, will be delighted to hear that he escaped so fearfully and from reports to hand resting as comfortably as could be expected under the painful wound. His father had received a letter only a few days ago from him in which he stated that he had been in London on a short leave and had just got back to the trenches.

Captain Anglin went overseas with the 64th Battalion from Sussex, but was later on transferred to the 20th New Brunswick's own battalion. He possesses a military cross, having received it for conspicuous bravery during a raid last winter with the 26th.

The names of the following New Brunswick men have appeared in recent casualty list: Died of wounds—F. Currie, St. John; C. H. McHugh, Moncton. Wounded—H. L. Shaw, Mount Pleasant; B. H. Campbell, Birch Ridge; Lance Corporal J. P. Fisher, St. John; G. M. Barry, Blackville; W. Milton, St. John; A. Lebars, Campbellton; P. H. Jones, Fredericton; C. K. Gaulton, Bridgeville; W. R. Ross, Malden; W. Wells, North View; W. A. Walden, Moncton; G. C. Chapman, Florenceville; E. Gibson, Dalhousie; Corporal W. H. Crocker, Alberts; John Flirth, Flatland; W. H. Cole, Sussex; W. McPadden, Moncton; S. R. Hopper, Lewisville; J. King, Lewisville; H. E. Hopkins, Sackville; A. C. Stevens, Little River; L. Woodland, Moncton; W. A. Walden, Moncton; A. B. Wright, Southampton; C. A. Stewart, Elgin; Joseph Belourie, Southton Road; H. W. Smith, Aspy Bay; F. Dimmock, Havelock; H. C. Sears, Croville; L. B. Christie, St. John.

Casualty J. D. Robinson, Cally Mills; C. J. Osman, Hillsboro; F. A. Kennedy, Salisbury; F. Gorman, St. Mary's; E. McDonald, Woodstock.

Word was received yesterday by R. A. Christie, Victoria street, to the effect that his son, Louis B. Christie, had been admitted to No. 2 Field Ambulance on October 30, suffering from gunshot wounds in the right arm. He went overseas as a member of the 10th Battalion. Signaller Lawrence T. Wilkinson, son of Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, of Springhill, York county, whose death of wounds was officially reported yesterday, was well known in Moncton. He spent two summers there as assistant to Canon Sisan in St. George's church.

Recruits for Week.

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The Food Controller, (Chatham World). Food Controller Hanna, who talks much and does little, declares that dealers have no excuse for charging more for sugar now than in September. The dealers smile and calmly continue to collect the increased price. Why doesn't Mr. Hanna, instead of discussing the ethics of the matter, fix the maximum price and prosecute dealers who ask a higher price? Why talk, talk, talk?

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