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A Bigger Policy Required.

Facing facts is the one big policy that the worldwar imposes upon everyone. There is frequently a tendency on the part of the optimistic to try to evade facts, to escape their knowledge, as tho that would assist an escape from their consequences. It is a more natural tendency in a young, energetic and resourceful nation like Canada than in older lands, because new conditions are more easily sought out or created in a new land than an old one.

But the war has had an equalizing or leveling effect, reducing everybody to the same footing, the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the clever and the dull; we all meet on the minimum level of food and shelter. It is this which gives such tremendous importance to the officials who have been entrusted with the control of food and fuel. The vitality of the nation depends upon the common sense and the fidelity of these men. Their good faith may be assured, yet their experience or their preconceptions may be such that they accomplish nothing. For some reason or another, as it appears to us, the controllers of food and fuel have not risen to the occasion of their tasks, or else they have not been able to impress those above them with the necessity of taking such steps as Lord Rhondda in England and others have not hesitated to take.

This is not the time to be considering any one interest or any other interest. Only the nation as a whole can be regarded in carrying out the measures that will best subserve the interests of the nation and of those who are fighting with us as allies. There is more than a possibility of the war being continued for United States. They argue, with a good deal of force, English slang.)

vegetables, and the immorality of hoarding is all very well for a Sunday school campaign, but in a war it is wide of the mark, especially when it falls short of those who are making most gains out of the high prices which the policy encourages, and which does those who are making most gains out of the high prices which the policy encourages, and which does more than anything else to take the heart and the courage out of the great mass of the people of the nation. The policy that leaves the ordinary citizen hibition that no one can say what may happen, and it inculation will do the trick for trench feet, captain?" queries the marking most gains out of the high must be remembered that in voting upon a constitution will do the trick for trench feet, captain?" queries the marking most gains out of the high must be remembered that in voting upon a constitution will do the trick for trench feet, captain?" queries the marking most gains out of the high must be remembered that in voting upon a constitution will do the trick for trench feet, captain?" queries the marking most gains out of the high must be remembered that in voting upon a constitution will do the trick for trench feet, captain?" queries the marking most gains out of the high must be remembered that in voting upon a constitution will do the trick for trench feet, captain?" queries the marking most gains out of the meeting appointed a committee to meet the president production will do the trick for trench feet, captain?" queries the marking most gains out of the meeting appointed a committee to meet the must be remembered that in voting upon a constitution will do the trick for trench feet, captain?" queries the marking must be remembered that in coulate some people so that the motion feet, captain?" queries the marking must be remembered that in voting upon a constitution will do the trick for the meeting appointed a committee to meet the must be remembered that in voting upon a constitution will do the trick for the must be remembered that including the committee to meet the usually bitter fight during the committee to meet the marking must be remembered that including the committee to meet the usually bitter fight during the committee to meet the usually bitter fight during the committee to meet the usually out of account, or takes note of him merely as a side issue, is not a policy which will carry thru a prolonged

There is an idea in some circles that criticism of this description will embarrass the officials in their work. But this overlooks the very important fact that a little embarrassment of the officials at this time is much to be preferred to a very serious embarrassment of the whole nation later on.

Nothing is acting so depressingly on the morale of the whole people as the constant increase in prices. he slessly increasing as they seem to be to those who are trying on fixed and restricted incomes to do their best to meet the war conditions. The food controller has no comfort for the mass of the people who belong to this class. His concern is all for those who produce and distribute food, a worthy minority, but not to the war long ago. The same is true of many farmers' more worthy than those who do their duty in other directions and play their due part in the national life.

This question of high prices will not down, in spite of all the convictions of the trusts and corporations and interests, or the prepossessions of the food controller. High prices in war time may be due to an increased demand, but they are much more due to the artificial conditions created by the dealers and middlemen. This has been glaringly demonstrated in many cases, as with the paper manufacturers, the coal men, the iron and steel men, the wheat and flour men, in all which cases prices have been fixed. Even the stock exchanges have found it necessary to regulate prices to avert the ravages of those who would take advantage of the less fortunate.

It would be much wiser to deal with this matter of prices today than later on, when the people may insist on taking it into their own hands.

The whole question of the production and the sale and distribution of food and fuel affects the very life of the nation and the stability of the anti-Teuton alliance, and it should be handled in a larger spirit

No Alternative.

Hon. Robert Rogers has plenty of political horse sense, and he puts the issue well when he says that those who favor conscription have no alternative but to support the candidates of the union government at the coming election. Whether a person prefers union or party government, whether he is satisfied or dissatisfied with the record of the government which came into office in 1911, whether he is a protectionist or a free trader, all these things are quite immaterial when he comes to vote at the next election. The war is so supremely the one issue that if he favors keeping Canada's fighting force at the front up to strength he has no choice but to vote for the union government.

When conscription was proposed our fellowcitizens of Quebec were quite within their rights in opposing it. Those Liberal members who thought that the question ought to be referred to and settled by the people acted in a constitutional manner, however unwise we may deem their course to have been. To some extent they may claim they are vindicated. because the coming election is after all a plebiscite up-

There may be some public opinion in this country, however insignificant, which favors peace on almost any terms if peace can be secured, and which feels that Canada has contributed all the men she should contribute to the war. Those holding that opinion

will undoubtedly vote against the union government. They may be anxious to win the war, but honestly believe that it cannot be won; or they may think it would be a national disaster for Canada to put fresh levies of soldiers in the field.

These people have the right to express their views. by voting against the union government. They will no doubt submit to the decision of the majority that the war should go on, that there should be no premature peace, and that more soldiers should be sent by Canada to the front. On the other hand, those who the Red Cross hospital train. believe that we should be satisfied with nothing less "Here they come," says the young than a victorious peace, who believe in reinforcing our lieutenant, as the orderlies quickly get boys at the front, who believe in conscription, have no bulescent the first stretcher case off the motor ambulance. choice or alternative but to support the union governall, before the table. ment. And they are the great majority of our people. A swift examination, a look at the

U. S. Nation-Wide Prohibition.

The advancing wave of prohibition in the United gether for a moment as to where there States receives an unexpected check in the opposition is most bed space available. of The Outlook to a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale, importation and trans- wounded man, to march off with him to port of intoxicating liquors within the United States. his new domicile. The Outlook would undoubtedly like to see the liquor evil abolished, and warmly praises the results of local option. Those results, it says, are permanent and it. They are sent to it at once. There beneficial, and we read:

ous trial and there has been no radical change in into the reception hut wearing the blue hospital suits, which now are so familiar to license. The jails have been empty, the schools at the "bases," and in practically all have been full, the savings bank deposits have increased, the public library has been patronized, the water department, the fire department, the police walking cases are assigned to the wards department and other forms of public service have where beds are being swiftly got ready been improved, the streets have been cleaner, the for them; for once in hospital of course homes more prosperous, the mothers and children "Copped a packet, Jock?" says an Enghappier, and pauperism has almost disappeared." lish gunner to a big Highlander, as he Nevertheless The Outlook opposes a prohibition looks at his bandaged arm. "How did

amendment to the federal constitution. It does so in you get him?" the first place because it fears the contest would plies. "And did. Stopped him fair and divide the people, who ought to be united in war- square, I dia." time; but apart from this it fears the result of certain states imposing their will upon other states.

The southern states, which would probably favor Blighty," laughs the Englishman, a prohibition amendment to the federal constitution, would be the first to resent an attempt to amend the Mine's a mere flesh, no good for Blighty. constitution so as to enfranchise the women of the (He really said: "No bon for Blighty, more than a possibility of the war being continued for two years or even three years longer. As some authorities say, the only safety is to prepare as the the war were to last for ever. In Canada we seem to have acted on the assumption at all times that the war might be over in three months. Optimism is a splendid quality when properly applied, but we need some long-range optimism, just as we needed long-range artillery.

The policy of the food controller in trying to jolly people along by persuasive discourses on the healthfulness of restricted diet, the ethics of canning fresh vegetables, and the immorality of hoarding is all very

ters. But it cannot be won on an empty stomach; and the strenuous man in farmer's overalls is fundamentally of as great importance as the man in khaki.

sons, two of whom have made the great sacrifice. This countryside has been combed clean. The result is that, despite the fact that they fully recognize the need of increased production, some of our farmers find it difficult men or impossible to maintain their normal output. Others disappointedly declare that they will have to guit alto-

increased production, some of our farmers find it difficult or impossible to maintain their normal output. Others disappointedly declare that they will have to guit altogether. Everybody is crippled in his operations for want of help. Threshing, corn-cutting and the like have been unduly prolonged because there were not hands enough; and fall plowing, in consequence, is away behind. The situation is emphatically serious.

This is not Muskoka, where rock and lake leave but few arable acres in the hundred. On the contrary, every foot is capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work for is capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work of its capable of intensive cultivation. A higher work in a considerable number of cases, we have actually less. To their chagrin, some of our best men must needs scamp their work, or plan less exacting toil than that involved in the raising of feodstuffs.

It is folly to suggest the filling of the farmer's place by men of other callings. Whether the world is ready to recognize it or not, it is nevertheless a stern fact that modern farming is one of the professions. It requires a multifarious knowledge and a sound training, as well as manual skill. On the farm several ordinary men nitifully.

As the officer passes on his way back

modern farming is one of the professions. It requires a multifarious knowledge and a sound training, as well as manual skill. On the farm several ordinary men pitifully fall to measure up with one actual farmer, while they want several times his wage and consume several times his rations. None but the theorist or the visionary suggest the substitution of men from town for the practical agriculturist.

What the military tribunals may do matters little to me personally. In any event the farming community will

me personally. In any event the farming community will raise enough for their own consumption. But if production, and "increased production," is the watchword, then no man must leave any farm of which I have any personal knowledge. I make this statement in the public interest, and without any misgiving. Whether it has any value will be subsequently shown. Let us hope we may be spared a tragic demonstration.

(Rev.) W. H. Adams.

Steer all right. He'll sootne you ambiguing. "What?" rejoins the first Australian. in a grieved tone. "You don't think he'll come and do a little thing like that for me, and me come all these weary miles from Australia." The sergeants do sing you to sleep in all the best hospitals. Then I'll have to sing on my own:

"I am a little Angac, Sydney is my home:
If I once get back there

The Sea is His.

The sea is His; He made it Black gulf and sunlit shoal From barried bight to where the long Leagues of Atlantic roll: Small strait and ceaseless ocean He bade each one to be. The sea is His; He made it— And Britain keeps it free.

Count me the splendid captains Who sailed with courage high To chart the perilous ways unknown-Tell me where these men lie; To light a path for ships to come They moored at Dead Man's Quay The sea is God's. He made it And these men kept it free.

O little land of England, Oh, mother of hearts too brave, Men say this trust shall pass from thee Who guardest Nelson's grave! Aye, but these braggarts yet shall learn Who'd hold the world in fee, The sea is God's-and Britain,

Britain shall keep it free. -London Standard.

The Convoy of Wounded Comes In.

BY CAPT. W. L. STEPHENS.

The colonel and his attendant doctors sound of the first motor ambulances whirring up from the railway siding

card from the casualty clearing stationregiment, length of service, religion-on his case card. The doctors consult to-

"Ward Six," the colonel announces, and

they chaff each other to their heart's "When local option has had a fair and continu- content as they tub and later slip into

"Tried to stop a whizzbang," Jock re

"Bones, or just a nice cushey one?"

"Bones at the wrist." "You lucky devil. That's a sur-"You blessed Scotch have all the luck

the colonel.

The O. C. opens it, glances at it and passes it on without a word to the ma-

and send him on to you to deal h. Yours in great haste. J. M."
All right, my lad," says the colonel, ting up, "Lieutenant, get a specing of this man's blood; keep him unobservation for a day or two and out."

Sydney is my home:

If I once get back there
Never more I'll roam."

The words contrast curiously with the powerful frame of the singer.

The following morning the captain, as he censors the hospital letters, reads to the colonel this extract from one of the bov's enistles: boy's episiles:
"Arrived at 23 last night; was brought up by an English chauffeur, carried in by two Scotch stretcher-bearens, washed by

two Scotch stretcher-bearers, washed by an Australian sister, got my breakfast this morning from a Canadian girl.

"By the way, that same Canadian sister joilied a hard-hit Scotch boy, who at first would not speak to anybody. She spoke to him if you please, in Gaelic, telling him that her father came from the Highlenn's and had taught her the Gaelic under protest. She had never found any use for it before.

"Here, for the first time, in France it was coming ir handy. The Maclean sat up and legan to take notice at the Gaelic. Then she brings him an X-ray photo of his shrapnel wounds to show him where some bits of splinters are, and points to several little dots, "These," she says, 'Jock, are little hits of Gaelic. Believe me this Gaelic's going to be half the cure for him.

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STILL GRABBING FOR THE APPLE



FUSION ATTEMPTS FAIL IN HAMILTON Choice of Liberals Unanimously Rejected by Enthusiastic Convention at Wingham.

Huron in the house of commons, as a deavoring to Avoid Election, Conservative, was today nominated as a Had No Results.

League has sent out invitations for a general conference on the situation on Saturday to Hon. S. C. Mewburn, Lieut. Col. John I. McLaren, T. J. Stewart and Wal-MACLEAN HIGHLANDERS

END STAY IN MONTREAL

Battalion, Twelve Hundred Strong, Marches Away to Train Else-where.

Montreal, Oct. 30 .- The 236th Mac-Lean Highlanders left Montreal today to continue training elsewhere, marching out 1200 strong, under Lieut.-Col. Guthrie, in a driving rain. Brigadier-General H. H. MacLean, after whom the battalion is named, was present. The Peel street barracks will be occupied next by the 2nd depot battalion of French-Canadian French-Canadian reinforcements, under the Military Service Act, which will be organized by Lieut.-Col. Daly-Gingras, D.S.O.

ITALY GETS BIG LOAN FROM UNITED STATES

American Treasury Advances Two Hundred and Thirty Million Dollars.

Washington, Oct. 30.-Substantial evidence of America's faith in Italy in the hour of her trial was given at the treasury today in the form of a loan of \$230,000,000. This brought the total of credits extended to Italy to \$485,000,000, and the grand total of loans to the allies to \$3,091,400,000 With this money Italy will pay for "And so say all of us. A Canadian sister speaking Gaelic to a wounded Scotch boy in France is 'sure' doing pretty well."

vast quantities of coal and other supplies purchased here for her armies and industries. To carry the supplies the shipping board already has agreed vast quantities of coal and other supto turn over 25 merchant ships.

J. BOWMAN IN N. HURON BREWSER NOT READY CONSERVATIVES SELECT

Wingham, Oct. 30.-James Bowman

supporter of the union government in the new riding of North Huron at an enthusiastic convention in the town halt.

At the meeting held on October 18 to By a Staff Reporter.

Hamilton, Wednesday, Oct. 31.—That select a candidate Mr. Bowman urged that Brewster returned this morning from State of Nevada with a population of eighty thousand.

Already, however, congress, in the exercise of its war powers, has prohibited the manufacture and importation of distriled spirits during the period of the war, and has authorized the president at any time by executive order to prohibit the use of grains and fruits in the manufacture of beer and wine.

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TO DECLARE STAND

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the east. Hon. J. W. De Farris, wh

The premier refuses to make statement of his opinion of the un "I have been requested by deleg

tions of both parties. Liberals and win-the-war Conservatives, to have discussion with them before m public my views on the question union government for Canada,". the premier.

"I intend to meet them, and will, the fore, not discuss the matter publicly we these interviews take place. I am ho ful that my statements may be such will embrace the whole provincial generation."

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without first calling a convention; consequently the Liberal Association was not represented by the gathering, and in conversation with a reporter for The World last night, F. J. Howell, who was chairman, said: "It was merely a get-together meeting for the purpose of trying to avoid an election in Hamilton. We don't want an election, and think that it is for the interests of the country not to have one. No decision was resoled, as we adjourned until Wednesday afternoon." During this week there will be three gatherings of a political nature. Tonight a meeting will be held under the air pices of the Win-the-War League in the Conservatory of Muist to teach the wonseln will be in attendance, and the great and mot the local situation will be dealt with. The convention will see the province will be in attendance, and the great and mot the local situation will be dealt with. The convention will see the province will be in attendance, and the great and mot the local situation will be dealt with. The convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will be dealt with. The convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see the seather see that more than the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see that the speakers will into the convention will see the speakers will be seen that the speakers



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