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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE PREMIER AND THE NATIONALISTS.

Those Liberal newspapers which have claimed that there existed something in the nature of an unholy alliance between the Borden Government, the Conservative party, and the Nationalists of Quebec, should carefully read the very plain and frank statement made by the Premier in Parliament yesterday and published in this morning's issue of The Standard. Sir Robert Borden has no room for doubt as to where he stands. Always a staunch Imperialist he has no sympathy with the pernicious doctrine of Bourassa and Lavergne, and he serves unmistakable notice upon those gentry and their followers that he will use his utmost efforts to see that the Nationalist party shall not succeed in its attempt to defeat the measures rendered necessary by Canada's participation in the war.

Sir Robert Borden and the Conservative party have nothing in common with the Nationalists of Quebec. Can Sir Wilfrid Laurier say as much?

A RESOLUTION AND ITS AMENDMENT.

Of all the double-faced resolutions ever presented to a public body in Canada, that passed by the Liberal convention in Winnipeg, and supposed to be pledging the Laurier party to conscription, stands apart and alone. It was the result of more than three days' work by the men who manipulated the convention and it was most carefully framed so that it could be read one way in Winnipeg, or Toronto, or St. John, or Halifax, and another way in Montreal, or Quebec, or Three Rivers, or Berthier.

J. G. Turritt, M. P. for Assiniboia, was quick to grasp the fact that it meant nothing and he introduced an amendment designed to make it more specific, to "get it somewhere," on the very point on which those who framed it did not desire that it should be specific or that it should get anywhere. The Turritt amendment proposed to add the words "by conscription if necessary" and if it had passed the convention would have definitely committed itself on a matter which those in charge desired should be left open. The Turritt amendment was defeated for the reason that it would have been fatal to the real intention and purpose of the resolution.

As it stands, now any Liberal candidate can go to the people and say he is a conscriptionist when necessary, but he can also say that he will not continue to participate in the war except on the basis of voluntary military service. This is what Sir Wilfrid Laurier says, and it is on this attitude he hopes to gain the support of a solid Quebec. Backed by the Winnipeg resolution Liberals can appeal to loyalists who are Liberals and say "we are with you," they can also appeal to anti-war Liberals who are not loyalists and say "your attitude is ours." By that resolution the Liberal party has officially sealed and cemented an alliance with the aliens, slackers, and shirkers of Canada—which was precisely what it was intended should be accomplished.

When the Winnipeg convention opened there was every indication of a serious split in the Liberal party. To bridge that division the resolution was prepared and, superficially, that purpose has been achieved. But what is the real effect of the double-faced pronouncement?

To every resolution there must be some real meaning apart from the ostensible meaning its words may convey, according to the point of view from which they are considered. Under this resolution every Liberal candidate subordinates himself to a party containing, in a very large number, men who are not in sympathy with this war or with Canada's participation in it. There is no question but that more than half the supporters the Liberals expect to get in the next Parliament will be representatives of constituencies in which opposition to conscription and to further war participation will count for more than politics in weighing the desirability of a candidate. Such representatives will be bitterly hostile to Canadian participation in the war, in their eyes every man who has donned khaki and gone to the front will have proven himself false to his country by leaving it and going to fight in Flanders.

That is the opinion of the majority of Laurier's anti-war supporters. The remainder do not go so far but they are willing that Canada should continue to offer sluggish assistance under the voluntary system in preference to active and effective aid by conscription. There is, it is true, an absolutely loyal minority, and they are entitled to the highest praise and credit, but they are compelled to submit to

what the disloyal control dictates. This is what the resolution really means and Mr. Turritt's amendment was of great service when it brought out that fact.

The official Liberal party by its action at Winnipeg has forged a complete chain of subordination. It remains to be seen whether that chain will continue to bind the individual Liberal voter who is loyal. By his vote in the coming elections he must either abandon his party or betray his country. It is useless to say that a Liberal government will do all that may be necessary in the way of war effort, for a Liberal government, headed by Laurier, would be anti-conscription and permeated from top to bottom with the most powerful anti-war influence. Sir Wilfrid himself will see to that. He is opposed to conscription and will have no advisors in his cabinet who do not think as he does. That is the real danger to Canada if the Liberals win. Laurier's first thought is to obtain power. To that end he is willing to play one end of the country against the other and it was to facilitate the same that his lieutenants in Winnipeg supported a double-faced resolution while rejecting a business amendment which, if passed, would have pledged the party to an aggressive, loyal effort to win the war.

OUR REINFORCEMENTS OVERSEAS.

The Toronto Mail and Empire replies to the contention of the St. John Telegraph that the reserves of Canadian troops in England are sufficient to provide all the reinforcements necessary for the men in the trenches and that, consequently, the Government's claim that our divisions in France are in danger of being exhausted is not warranted by the facts. The Mail and Empire deals with the Telegraph as follows:

The St. John Telegraph says that the Government's "premature election" "very about abandoning the boys in the trenches" is exploded by the figures of Canadian reserves in France and England, as given by the Minister of Militia. It denies there is reason for asserting that Canadian reserves are likely to be exhausted in the near future, even if casualties should be as heavy as they have been during the most severe fighting of the last twelve months.

The Telegraph takes Sir Edward Kemp's figure of 110,000 men now in England to mean that all these are effective, available for service in France. How far that is from the truth is shown by the Government return, tabled in June, showing conditions on May 4, in Canadian quarters in England:

Officers fit and unfit	7,981
Men ultimately fit for trench service in France	61,902
Men fit for France, but not for trenches	11,507
Men fit for service only in United Kingdom	11,587
Temporarily unfit, likely fit in six months	13,504
Awaiting discharge, unfit	983
In hospital	17,638
Unclassified	1,149
Total	126,251

That is, the reinforcements in sight then were less than fifty per cent. of the total number of Canadian soldiers in England. The immediate available reserve was only 26,000, with another 25,000 to be ready when sufficiently trained. Far from providing, as the Telegraph represents, two men in reserve for one man in the trenches, the Canadian forces in England could provide a bare two months' reinforcement at the rate of casualties then obtaining. Furthermore, of the 26,000 men immediately available, only 14,720 were infantry. Artillery, engineers, machine-gunners, cyclists, headquarters units, pay corps, forestry corps, construction companies, railway troops, division trains, etc., made up the remainder. So far as the "boys in the trenches" are concerned, much of the available reserves did not represent reinforcements for them. Sir Arthur Currie cables that the men in France are overworked because they have not sufficient relief—reserves being inadequate.

To prepare new troops requires at least six months. New forces we may raise now cannot be effective as reinforcements in the trenches until next spring. Long before then Canadian divisions now fighting so doggedly will be hard put to maintain their strength. We cannot afford delay in providing full reinforcement for them, unless we are willing to sit supinely down, and desert them. Such reasoning as the St. John Telegraph indulges in is worthy of the anti-war press of Quebec.

CONCERNING MR. WATERS.
The Standard adheres to the opinion that it would be most unwise to permit Mr. J. C. Waters or any other man to come to this city and deliver an address against conscription or any other measure that may be deemed necessary to maintain Canada's war effort. If the President of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress speaks here it is probable that he will devote part of his address to a denunciation of the Borden Government. Mr. Waters was an aspirant for the senatorship which the Government conferred upon a representative of Canadian labor, and he did not get it because the Government decided the appointment should go to a man who was more truly representative than he. Consequently it may be supposed that his feeling for the Government is not particularly kindly. It is his privilege to criticize the Government if he wants to and no person should attempt to interfere with him.

When Mr. Waters attacks conscription, however, he touches a subject deeper and more vital than any political question, a subject in which every man who has a son, a brother, or a friend at the front has a heartfelt interest. Conscription is designed to secure needed reinforcements for the men in the trenches and it is nothing less than treason to them for any man to attempt to oppose such a measure. Mr. Waters' remarks in opposition to conscription have already aroused considerable feeling and it is in the interest of harmony it would be better if he refrained from publicly criticizing that measure. Let him come and talk politics to his heart's content, but in a time of national stress let him keep his tongue off a question aside from politics but on which men of both political parties hold strong views.

NORMAL SCHOOL CANDIDATES' PERCENTAGE

Names of Those Who Made 65 Per Cent. or Upwards on Second Class Examinations.

Fredericton, Aug. 16.—The following are the names of the candidates who made 65 per cent. or upwards on the second class Normal School examination in June, 1917: 50 per cent. is the required pass mark. The names marked with an asterisk belong to those who wrote a paper in French, the marks of which are added as a bonus. The names bracketed are of those who made the same average. Arranged in order of merit.

*Lydia G. Giberson, Bath.
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Dora E. Johnson, Black's Harbor.
*Graziella Richard, Edmundston.
Helen G. Manzer, Nashwaak village.
Janet E. Pringle, Stanley.
*Marguerite Saulnier, Dupuis Corner.
*Eunice L. Peters, Fredericton.
*M. Marguerite Doucet, Caraque.
Annie E. Ward, Annandale, Queens Co.
*Kathleen R. Polkins, St. John.
A. Marguerite Moss, Cross Creek, York Co.
*Ella Kearney, Fredericton.
Josephine R. Belyea, Glenwood, Kings Co.
*Marjorie Carter, Cassville.
Edna McGlone, Anasawke, Carleton Co.
Claire Wilcox, Wood Island, Grand Manan.
Christine Cameron, Black River Bridge.
*Clara J. Bowie, The Willows, Northumberland Co.
Myrtle M. Jonah, Hillsboro.
Nellie T. Ducas, Moose Mountain, Carleton Co.
*Gladys Brooks, Gagetown.
*Rennie M. Dawson, Moncton.
Alice M. Shortall, Royal Road, York Co.
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*Kathleen Benn, Nordin, P.Q.
Stella D. Brundage, Upper Greenwich.
*M. Graziella Doucet, Richibucto.
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Little Benny's Note Book.

All of a sudden yesterday afternoon it started to rain like anything, and the telephone bell rang and I answered it and it was pop, saying is that you Benny? and me saying, Yes, sir, and pop saying, I'm around the corner under the drug store, get my umbrella and come around after me, and for Peets sake get a wiggle on.

Yes sir, I said. And I took his umbrella out of the hall rack and started to go around after him, and the watter pipe was leaking down at the corner house, and I stood under the leak under the umbrella for a while, on account of it being such a irritating sensation, and then I kept on going around under the drug store, and while I was passing Sniders milk store who did I see standing on the steps with a bottle of milk and no umbrella but Mary Watkins, saying, O Benny, take me home under your umbrella?

I had to go around after my father, he's under the drug store, saying, I said.

O well, if you would rather go around after your father, I'm sorry I asked you, said Mary Watkins. Mary Watkins being the prettiest girl in the neighborhood and maybe in the city, and I said, I didn't say I'd rather, I said I had to.

Which she didn't say anything, and I stood there a while and then I said, All right, I'll take you home. And she got under pops umbrella with me and I took her home, being 3 blocks, talking to each other on the way, and then I quick went back for pop, with as soon as he saw me he said, O, hear you are, wats your hurry, you've got the hole week ahead of you.

Well G wizz, pop, a lady asked me to take her home, and I had to be polite, didn't I?

O, well, in that case, that's different, said pop. And he took the umbrella and me and him started to walk home under it, pop saying, Who was the lady?

Sir? I said, and pop said, Wat lady did you take home? and I said, Mary Watkins.

Young man, if I didn't have to pay the doctor bill in case you cawt cold or something, I'd make you wawk 10 yards behind me out in all this rain, said pop.

And we kept on going, pop saying, Mary Watkins, Mary Watkins, and his own lawd father stranded under a orning. And wen we got home he was still mad, and he told me, and ma sed, Waset that cute.

(*A. Perley Armstrong, St. John.
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