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SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 8.

The Popular Majority.

We all understand that the Union government will have a majority in the next house of commons and we want to make it as big as possible. But we also want a big popular majority. After the election people will be figuring up the total vote, and capital may be made of the fact that the popular majority of the government does not correspond with its par-

It will often happen under our system that a small popular majority of the total vote produces quite a large parliamentary majority. Thus in the Province of Quebec for years the total Conservative vote cast

was nearly as large as the Liberal vote, yet the Liberal vote, yet

to bring our misguided friends in the sister Province of Quobee to their senses.

Let every supporter of Union government on election day cast his ballot for the Union government candidate. Even in Quebe no Union government candidate. Even in Quebe no Union government supporter should stay away from the poils because he considers the cause of the candidate in his particular arising hopeless. Certainly in Ontario no Union government supporter should stay away from the poils because he considers the cause of the candidate in his particular arising hopeless. Certainly in Ontario no Union government supporter should englect to vote merely because he is sure that his candidate in that riding is going to have several thousand manjority. Every ballot counts when the total is reckoned up. Make the popular majority as big as possible!

Tried As by Fire.

As the Hallfax story unriods the horror grows. All the ghastly features of a bombarded city are present in the ruin of our great eastern haven. It is not generally as the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the cargo of the Mont Biane until an investigation of the masses of the many in the matter, and the education of the masses of the many in the matter, and the education of the masses of the many because of the many investigation of the masses of the many have been in shells ready for service. The simultaneous explosion of the mass pointed in all directions, the fragments flying as far as three miles it is stated in one account, are the direct cause of the devastation.

An Luglish writer has suggested that the prophecy that the world would be destroyed by fire at the end of a certain time is being liverally fulniled, the in an unexpected manner. The tragedy of Halifax brings home in some measure to the continent of America what is going on ceaselessly, what has gone on ceaselessly for forty months in Europe. The awfu. nature of this blast of fire strikes us more deeply in its effect on a city we know than in its effects on a

the sacrifices we have made. Can a cust we know than in its effects on a continent that we do not.

Yet there are men in Toronto willing to vote for that which they know must prolong the agony thru which the world is passing. If we could realize all the horror and the ayfulness of the cruel business we would, like the soldiers who hasten back to the front, be glad to end it as speedily as possible. Those who are willing to delay the end by their pusillant who are willing to delay the end by their pusillant mouse conduct are assuming a heavy responsibility.

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Special to The Toronto World.

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Celebrating the Loan.

Mr. G. H. Woods' dinner to the organizers of Ontario for the Victory Loan last night, which was held in the Palm Room of the Robert Simpson Company, was an unqualified success.

The spirit of the assembly was aumirable, and cheerful energy of such cases on the outskirts of the City of 101000.0. "Junius." that gained such splendid results in the work done. Mr. Woods stated amid cheers that the latest returns indicated a total of \$415,000,000 for the Dominion, and of \$204,000,000 for Ontario. These figures are not only encouraging, but inspiring; and are an parnest, as almost every speaker conceived, of what he verdict of the country will be on the 17th.

Various counties and districts were represented by the tables set; and Toronto gave credit thru the chairman to Old Ontario, a compliment that for once was duly returned by the provincial visitors.

Sir George Foster, who was the principal speaker. in the absence of General Mewburn, detained by matters arising out of the Halifax disaster, recognized the effort made in organizing the Victory Loan as the work of young men. It is essentially a young man's age, and the tendency will be more and more towards the acceptance of young men's views and young men's influence in public affairs. Sir George spoke, however, more in recognition of the value of co-operation, and insisted that men of affairs must regard this as the essential principle of all future relations between

the nations as well as among business men. Another point upon which Sir George dwelt with some weight, among what he said were possibilities, sometimes probabilities, and in some cases certainties, was the development of our own Canadian resources. He brought the matter up in connection with coal. It was necessary to take into account the fact that the great pressure on transportation might make it necessary some day for the United States to say to us that

we must do more than we have hitherto done to develop our own coal resources and to depend upon our own supplies. It was the same energy and organiz-ing capacity that had accomplished so much in the Victory Loan campaign that would be needed in other national fields of effort.

The Secret Enemy.

It is pretty clear from the latest news from the ront that the rumors in circulation about General Currie are without foundation. There is a rumon factory in London in which the celebrated product of the W. T. R. Preston genius is canned for export and domestic consumption. It is safe to wait for confirmation of what appear to be unreasonable statements. It was certainly unreasonable to think that after Sir Arthur Currie's striking success at Passchendaele he would be removed from his command. The fact appears to be that he asked for a rest.

It may seem incredible to the simple and unsuspecting public that men should say or write what they do not believe. But it is just this willingness to write any sort of untrue thing for money that has to write any sort of untrue thing for money that has created much of the divisions that exist among democratic peoples. The men with brains and powers of created peoples. The men with brains and powers of creating peoples are willing to prostitute these powers for a contract of the contract of the creating are willing to prostitute these powers for a contract of the creating are willing to prostitute these powers for a contract of the creating are willing to prostitute these powers for a contract of the creating are willing to prostitute these powers for a contract of the creating are contracted as a contract of the contracted are contracted as a contra expression are willing to prostitute these powers for national crisis in the history of Canmoney, and their responsibility is very heavy. There money, and their responsibility is very heavy. There are such men in Canada as elsewhere, and they are no better than the mendacious Prussians whom they prudently condemy in public but support by their

the floor of parliament, but on the recorded vote of the people. Nothing will give the Union government board of health some excellent paniphlets dealing with any accusation or insinuation of insincerthe people. Nothing will give the Union government more prestige and power, and nothing will do more to bring our misguided friends in the sister Province to take in avoiding quack remedies and securing proper course to take in avoiding quack remedies and securing proper course to take in avoiding quack remedies and securing proper course of Quebec to their senses.

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The great issue of Hour.

"The great issue in the forthcoming election:

It is the vital question of the war.

Other People's Opinions

A Registration Anomaly.

the 1916 list is the only authority for making up ... of our allies which is nearest to us, present list. Now, sir, as the 1916 list must have been and with whose efforts and difficulmade up about two years ago, how could I have registered, and yet surely ten years residence in Toronto should qualify me. The enumerator for my sub-division blames me, but I suppose I mus, be too dense to understand how he figures it out.

I observe, however, that he has registered the women voters, and I intend to appeal against the gross injustice ilization. It has become a comm of disfranchising electors who were not registered two Blace to say that modern wasfare The spirit of the assembly was admirable, and and I will ven ure to sate that there will be found scores

Her Part.

We women cannot con a ship Across the danger-zone, Or sink a sneaking submarine, Or storm a fort of s.one, Or lead a charge with naked steel, Or loose a leaden rain-But we can bind the soldier's wounds That he may fight again.

We cannot capture batteries, Or in the trenches lie, Or cut barbed wire, or mine a hill, Or battle in the sky, Or drop the bombs upon the foe, Or point the roaring guns, Or bear the flag to victory-

But we can give our sons! -Minna Irving, in Munsey's.

Croix de Guerre,

Within the Invalides, burnt, maimed and blind, They stumble past-a p.tiful array Of broken men, that only yesterday

Were keen and quick with life. The rugged, kind Old General's words drift thru each weary mind Like some vague vision, where, gallant and gay, Youth s.ormed the heigh's and kept the foe at bay Out in the tingling, shrapnel-laden wind.

A woman weeps with pride, but thru her tears She sees a crippled land, young men made old, Who bide in chimney corners down the years, Stroking the medals in their helpless hold-And knows she, too, thru s'lent pain must bear Upon her patient heart, the "Croix de Guerre." -Charlotte Becker, in Life.

BISHOP FALLON OUT FOR UNIONIST PARTY

Canada's Continued Participation in War Dwarfs Other Issues.

CRIME OF SLACKENING

Resentment Against Quebec Leads to Unfair Charges Against Catholics.

London, Ont. Dec. 6.—The following statement was issued to the press tonight by His Lordship the Right Rev. M. F. Fallon, Bishop of London.

permitting the war to go on for an inuch. Canada has done much—too undicessary hour, and that is the much, if you will. It is precisely hecrime of slacening in our purpose, cause she has done so much that she arrifices we have made; cause she has done so much that she must not falter now. The military that we commend the crime of value of the aid which we are asked to slackening in our punpose, after all send is great; refusal to send it would the sacrifices we have made? Can be a misfortune; but far and away

ties we are most familiar? member with what a thrill of exultation we heard that the great American Republic had joined us in the struggle for the defence and preservation of democ.acy and Christian civmeans the mobilization of all the resources, energies and activities of the entire nation; that everyone may help or hinder; that everyone must do his bit or be a slacker, or, worse still, be an enemy within the gate. The vast population of the United States is more heterogeneous even than our own; the consequent lack of national cohesion is an emparrassment which we ought to be able to understand. gress President Wilson is constrain ed to say: 'I hear he voices of dis-sent—who doesn't? I hear the criticisms and the clamor of the no.sy thoughtless and troublesome. I also see men here and there fling themselves in impudent disloyalty against the calm, indomitable power of the

"Can we placidly contemplate a verdict of the Canadian people at the rolls which will strengthen these forces of disunion and dislovalty in the United States? A verdict which will hamper the efforts and increase the difficulties of the great president of that great republic on which are now centred the hopes of the grand alliance for the successful issue of

Church in United States Pro-Ally. "In the mobilization of the sources of the American nation no influence has more loyally or more fectively supported the efforts of the civil power than the hierarchy of the Catholic Church. The part taken by the rank and f.le is indicated in this statement by Secretary of War Baker, made Sep ember 22, 1917:

'The Young Men's Christian Association represents the Protestant de-nominations, which will roughly contribute sixty per cent. of our

ALL REAL FARMERS TO GAIN EXEMPTION

General Mewburn announces the following:

All farmers coming within class A called out for military service under the provisions of the Military Service Act, who are actually emplyed on a farm in the production of foodstuffs for Canada and her allies, and whose services are necessary in whose services are necessary in the work of such farm, will be exempted from military service. If their claim for exemption is not allowed by a tribunal an immed ate appeal should be made. Arrangements are being made to extend the time for such appeals. The minister of militla further states that if a farmer so called out for military service, who is honestly employed in the production of foods uffs, should be drafted into the army, General Mewburn feels that it will be his duty to releve him from military service on the condition that he returns to the farm and continues to be so

the marine corps Catholics are esti-"In Ontario under the voluntary system the proportion of Catholes enlisted is nearly 10 per cent, higher than that of the largest Protestant denomination in the province. Nova Scotia the Catholic volu proportion of 47 per cent. of the the official figures for the o.her Eng-

provinces. Some who speak for Quebec

p. esent the Catholic denomination, which will constitute perhaps thirtyfive per cent. of the new army."
"In the United States navy and in

lish provinces, but I am absolutely certain that it would show that Cathcles have everywhere done their ful duty.
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Quebec's Delinquency

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trymen of the Catholic faith to support the Union government and the cause for which that union was effected. And I make this appeal fully conscious of the vile and indefensible anti-Catholic propaganda that certain supporters of Union government are conducting in its name; for I am con-f dent, if Catholics do not play into their hands, that the bigots will in the long run injure no one but themselves Let us meet sectarian malevolence with Catholic good-will. To slanders

the privilege of worthily supporting (Signed) "M. F. Fallon, "Bishop of London."

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olic soldiers offer a definite and con-

crete refutation. Be ours the duty and

been extended until midmight t more appeals are expected. The appeal board held its first sitting tonight. All three political parties had leng by I sts of names to add to the

ROWELL AND FOSTER TO THE TRAVELERS.

Mass Meeting Arranged for Tonight in St. George's Hall, Toronto.

Hon. Newton Rowell and Sir George Foster will address a special meeting for the commercial travelers of Ontario and their friends in St. George's Hall, Elm street, on Saturday night. So many travelers are out of the city during the year that their first street.

