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#### A NATIONAL CRISIS.

Canada today is confronted by a situation the most critical since the beginning of the war. Not only are we still far from winning the war, but affairs in this country have come to a point where there must be an end of inaction and of waiting for something to happen. Sir Robert Borden's selective draft is not an adequate solution of the problem before the Canadian people. There is danger, however, that as a result of the unchecked propaganda of his friends Bourassa, Lavergne and others of the Nationalist party, there may be trouble in Quebec province. Nothing could be more unfortunate. The Times refuses to believe that the great mass of the people of Quebec are unwilling to prove themselves worthy of Canadian citizenship. This is no time to haggle about traditional policies. The Hun is at the gate. Nor is this a time for the game of mere partisan politics. The people are not caring today about the success of this or that party. They are reading the casualty lists and asking who will take the places of the fallen in the ranks of the defenders of liberty and democracy. They read that Britain and France are threatened with a shortage of food. They are reading about the destruction wrought by submarines. They hear the call that comes to them for men, for food, for ships. Compared with the Empire's need and claim in this supreme hour of need what are party slogans and the tricks of the mere politician? If there are those in Quebec or elsewhere who would like the hands of Canada just when the war is moving toward a decisive one way or the other, and the issue is still uncertain, then the great mass of the people must close up their ranks, forgetting every former feud or disagreement, and bear down all opposition to such a course as would be worthy of a free and fearless people. The leaders of political parties must be made to understand what is expected of them. Conscription of men is a half measure. It will not enable Canada to do her full duty. It does not go far enough. It asks that certain men shall offer their lives while other men go on grinding the faces of the poor and making profit for themselves. They do not tell the truth who assert that the only need is men. The men must be equipped and transported and fed; and the civil population in the Allied countries must be provided with food. The man who looks this way and that way and asks how a certain course of action will affect his political leaders is not doing his full duty. That duty is to his country in such a time of stress as Canada has never before experienced. The terms Liberal and Conservative mean less than ever before in our history, unless they or either of them can be made to signify non-partisan service devoted to the cause of democracy. There will be a very general slipping of the cable from old party moorings if either party fails to voice the feelings of the people whose sons are facing death along the Hindenburg line. There is an element in the province of Quebec, which we will all hope is more noisy than numerous, that would paralyze the arm of Canada by divided counsels. It can do that province a great and lasting injury if it persists, but it cannot prevent the people of the other provinces from doing what the people of Britain and France and Italy and the United States are doing for the cause of democracy. We do not hear of any faction in the United States demanding a vote of the people. In that country, which has infinitely less at stake than the province of Quebec, there is today but one voice, and the mischief makers dare not attempt to balk the will of the nation. In Canada men and parties are being thrown into the crucible, and we shall soon know where the pure gold of fearlessness and unhampered patriotism is to be found.

The Standard charges that the quarters of the Special Service Company on the West Side are filthy and verminous, the men not properly clad, and some of them without pay since the first week in March. What does the Standard say about housing battalions in the exhibition buildings instead of the army? What does it say about the local army hospitals and their ambulance services being off to a good start, the Standard might give Sir Robert Borden a lot of interesting military information. More power to its elbow.

#### MUST THEY STARVE?

There has been a decrease of 25 per cent. in bread eating in England. The danger from the submarine is fully recognized, and every effort is made to conserve the food supply, so that the soldiers may be fed. Britain looks to Canada for cereals. The more our people can do in the matter of using substitutes for cereals and meats and cheese, so that more of these may be exported to England and France, the more we will be doing to help win the war. In addition to substitution there is the avoidance of waste. If there were a complete avoidance of waste all over the country there would be much larger quantities of food products to send to England. This is a demand upon our patriotism that should not be ignored. But the government must also act. Of what use would be a great campaign of production if the speculators were still to be free to act, and no guarantee of reasonable prices given? The call comes to government and people alike, but unless there is adequate leadership the country will not do its full duty. When we think of what the people of France and England are enduring, and what our own soldiers may be compelled to endure before next winter is over, a feeling of bitter resentment rises within us that those in authority appear to be so indifferent or so incapable. Canada must rouse herself as never before, to vindicate her honor and prove herself worthy to be the champion of democracy.

#### LIBERAL ATTITUDE.

The following extracts from an article on compulsory service in the Toronto Globe leave no doubt as to where the Liberal party stands in relation to the matter—

"That the situation is serious admits of no doubt. German submarines have reduced to an alarming extent the essential supplies of food in Great Britain. Until the harvest is gathered in, the British people will be dependent on the United States for food. Yet here in Canada no adequate steps have been taken to control the food supplies of the country or to organize its available resources. Compulsory enlistment for overseas service implies the application of the principles of compulsion and government control to everything necessary to the successful carrying on of war. There must be no class exemption. Everything that Canadians possess must be at the disposal of the nation in times of national necessity. To fight and, if necessary, to die for one's country, all ages have been regarded as the highest form of patriotism. Who so deficient in patriotism or so poor in spirit as to weigh wealth and ease and luxury against the life of a single soldier? The conscription of fighting men carries with it an obligation to conscript all the essential resources of the country and to place the nation on a war footing.

"No Canadian who does khaki fears to risk his life in the cause of freedom. But he goes out with bitterness in his heart as he reflects on the men who live through these momentous times with gold as their god, and who are permitted by a supine government to exploit the necessities of suffering humanity. Compulsory service must not stop at the door of the man of military age.

"This war has emphasized the duty of the citizen to the state. The community idea has been quickened. The freedom of the individual is bound up with the defence of the nation. The small nations that seek freedom and independence and the untrammelled development of their civil life are forced to adopt a system of universal service. This is the case with Canada. In her search for honor and military strength and freedom she finds it only in compulsory national service. National service covers every field of human activity. Jaures, the well-known French Socialist, who was murdered on the outbreak of war, says that the final effect of a national army will be 'not to militarize the democracy, but to democratize the military system.' The same idea applies to all national service, whether it be given as a soldier or as a taxpayer. The final effect should be to democratize citizenship."

And talking about "leadership" it would appear that at this time the Liberals are in sad need of a stronger variety than that supplied by the Quebec Junta, Laurier, Lemieux and Cannon—St. John Standard.

Would the Standard suggest Borden, Bourassa and Lavergne?

It is suggested that the Borden government may appoint a food controller. If he is of as little use as the government itself, his control will not worry the food speculators.

If the war veterans should permit themselves to become the political tool of the St. John Standard they would disappoint many sincere friends.

If there is to be a general election in Canada the issue will be much larger than the mere conscription of men.

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#### ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH

(From the Montreal Daily Mail.)

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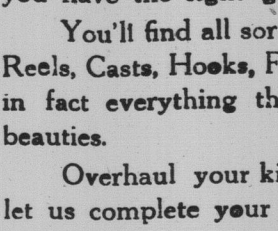
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Opinion of American Woman Who Studied Conditions in Germany

New York, May 22—Miss Madeline Z. Doty made a personal study of social conditions in Germany last fall, said at the Open Forum of the Church of the Ascension that if the German people had been made to realize that the United States aimed not at them, but at their government, it would hasten a revolution in Germany, and end the war. She said that the people of Germany, especially the women, wanted peace, and that a revolution was sure to take place sooner or later. Miss Doty's subject was "Women and Children in War Times in Germany."

"It is hard for you to realize," she said, "the sufferings of the women and children of the warring countries of Europe, especially of Germany. There the women have no money to say about their families. There is no woman suffrage there. True it is that there is no woman suffrage in France, but there the women have always had a say about the responsibilities of business and other activities. Nothing to say and there has been a sorry lot."

"The milk situation is very serious for babies. Last August, I stopped at one of the best hotels in Berlin for breakfast and could only get a few drops of milk for breakfast. The supply was stopped in September. Think of what this must mean as to the situation among poor people. The allowance was officially made of one pint of milk a day for each baby. That of course, is not enough, and often the supply gave out before mothers who had to work all day in munition factories could get it. Thousands of babies became weak and ill-nourished. This sickness the mothers called English sickness, because the German authorities taught them to blame the English that there was no milk."

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"The women are doing the most arduous work in Germany. I saw them laying railroad tracks by the side of Russian prisoners. They are doing the greater part of the work in factories. In one munition plant 6,000 persons were employed; 4,000 of them were women, 1,600 with babies. The women had little experience and there are many accidents. Incidentally, the women do the work well after getting to it, but they get only half the pay of men doing the same tasks.

"The women all through Germany are eager for peace. They all want peace. There are many peace meetings being held all through Germany, for the conservative Social Democrats are allowed to hold them, provided they ask for no more than a peace based on the status quo of Germany.

"Miss Doty told of a peace meeting in Munich she attended one night, where there were as many soldiers as there were women, at which almost everybody voted for peace, and the women cheered the advice to have no more children until they know that they would not be 'food for cannon.'

"The government of Germany has failed to care for its women and children, and that is one of the basic grounds of the discontent there. That the people of Germany are so discontented, and that if it is not peace that the women want peace there can be no doubt."

Miss Doty told of a vision she had of Colonel Roosevelt taking his division to France, embarking a force in airships, taking them into Germany, and striking at the Kaiser and Hindenburg. She said that if the Colonel could do such a thing he would accomplish the greatest thing an American could accomplish in the war.

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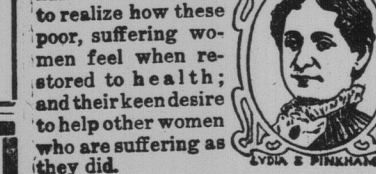
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