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THE SITUATION.

The Germans are straining every effort to score before the advent of the United States in the war becomes fully felt. The armistice on the Russian front has greatly aided this design. It is announced that a ceaseless German troop movement is proceeding from the Eastern front to the Western area, and that they are bringing along vast quantities of war material. More Belgians have been murdered, their houses taken for military purposes and their scanty supplies still further requisitioned. When the blow does fall, it will be terrific, but the British and French troops may be relied upon to hold on with successful pertinacity. As part of the enhanced program, there was another air raid on London last night. Of some twenty machines, all but five were stopped from reaching their objective, and of these, two were accounted for.

The Italians continue to repulse vigorous Austro-German assaults. Reports from Russia continue to be so contradictory that little reliance can be placed on any of them.

The British continue to make progress in Palestine, and have taken some heights.

THE TASK AHEAD.

The people of Canada did a first class job on Monday when they decided to endorse conscription and the other war measures of the Union Government. Moreover, let the fact be emphasized that the achievement took place right at the time of a considerable amount of friction in connection with the administration of the Military Service courts. Sir Robert Borden is utterly lacking in the devious ways of the politician as such, and after his direct manner he did not hesitate to bring on the enforcement of the measure even although a contest was pending.

The outcome has been splendid and most reassuring, but there is serious work ahead and the task is going to command all the statesmanship of which Sir Robert Borden and those associated with him are capable. That the Premier and the rest will effectively measure up to the task very few can doubt and in the doing of it they must receive the hearty co-operation of all classes.

The one apprehensive region is Quebec. She must do her duty in any event, but the most desirable thing is to have that brought about without any friction. In this respect Sir Wilfrid Laurier can still perform an act of great public service. During a speech which he made in his recent campaign tour out West he made the assertion that if returned to power he could obtain good recruiting results among the French-Canadians. If so his appeal now would without doubt be equally effective with regard to their quiet observance of the M.S.A.

PROHIBITION RESOLUTION PASSED

On the same day that Canadians were busy declaring for the unabated continuance of this country in the war, the House of Representatives at Washington, by a vote of 282 to 128, passed the national prohibition amendment. This proved to be 23 more votes than the two-thirds requirement.

This action had been foreseen as the probable result of a persistent propaganda which the war situation had stimulated. To become of effect, the amendment, if approved by both branches of Congress, as apparently it will be, for only a slight difference between the two houses remains to be adjusted, must be ratified by three-fourths of the states.

At present, 26 out of the 48 states are dry, or pledged to prohibition. The first distinct gain for the national prohibitionists was secured when the senate passed its nearly similar resolution at the last session—a political party at large they had accomplished practically nothing through years of political activity. Changes of state constitutions or laws in order to abolish or restrict the liquor business have been generally without much relationship to party politics, the most extensive spread of prohibition having been in states with large negro population. Across the border the feeling seems to be that individual states

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will continue on the basis of enacting prohibition for themselves, and that Federal Government action will not be ratified. However, the progress of the movement still continues.

COMMENTS OF FRENCH-CANADIAN PAPERS.

Subjoined are some of the comments of French-Canadian papers with reference to the recent election result:

La Canada, Montreal: "The conscription law now weighs on us and without appeal. This has been done by the will of an electorate which was led to believe that this measure was directed against French-Canadians alone, and that it was a punishment we deserved. We must submit to it, and in whatever way it. Since we cannot ask our compatriots to place any confidence in the good faith of the spirit of justice of the gentry in favor, to whom the latter are but empty words, all we can promise our people is that the members whom they yesterday elected to Parliament will see to it that the Government be kept, as much as possible, under the circumstances, within the bounds of legality."

La Presse, Montreal: "Hon. N. W. Rowell suggests the future depends upon Quebec. It does not depend upon Quebec only. Quebec is quite disposed, and always has been disposed to fulfill its national obligations. As history proves that we are not towards. Long ago this would have been demonstrated in the present war if at the outset fanaticism towards the French-Canadians had been discarded in the general interest of Canada. Before the election campaign began the 'bonne entente' was obtaining results in removing prejudices. Now that the election is over, this movement can be set in motion again."
L'Action Catholique, Quebec: "The first impression given by the result is that there has occurred a 'break.' It really is a break between the West and the East, between the old Provinces and the new. And this break will surely worry the victors of the day, that is, those of the victors who look to the real future of our dear Canada. It is the vote of the younger Provinces that has sent back the Borden Government to power. Those who have thus sent the Union Cabinet to power know nothing of Canadian history or traditions."

La Patrie, Montreal: "Canada could not speak more clearly; yesterday's verdict is the expression of the civilian population's opinion. It is what we had forecasted. The sister Provinces have reaffirmed their willingness to share the fate of the mother country, while Quebec did not share the same enthusiasm for the participation in the war. That difference in views and ideals is attributed to a certain school (Bourassa and his press), which misrepresents Great Britain and was allowed to carry on the greatest campaign of disaffection, discrediting both England and France, and every day publishing ill-inspired attacks against the United Empire. To that anti-patriotic campaign were added recently the utterances of the Liberal press, which contributed to increase the misunderstanding between the two races. Quebec has not elected one French-speaking Minister to protect her interests in the Cabinet, but we do not believe that Sir Robert Borden will take that as a justification for refusing fair play to old Quebec. He is expected to treat her with justice and to have the way to reconciliation between the two bitterest elements."

Le Soleil, Quebec: "The Liberal party was beaten yesterday at the polls in the West, through the defection of its leaders and of the Liberal press. Fanaticism and race cries were brought to play against Laurier; still, Laurier certainly gained a real victory through his own and personal prestige. For where under the old Government he only had eighty-seven seats against Borden's 134, after yesterday's election he has about one hundred against Borden's 135. Laurier had everything against him so far as material resources are concerned. Press, money, organization. Not

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withstanding all this, the noble old man fought and won a larger following.

It is worthy of note that thus far there has not been one utterance urging any resistance to the Military Service Act and it is to be sincerely hoped that common sense will now prevail in this matter and the French-Canadians accept the fact that they must serve with the rest of the Dominion. Premier Gouin of that Province is credited with the recent statement that the election would in reality prove a referendum on this matter and that if the decision at the polls sustained the act French-Canadians should quietly submit. That is the proper tone.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

One of the best features of Monday's contest consisted of the fact that the people at home settled the task in hand without having to wait for the overseas soldier vote.

The grand old Union Jack in Canada still remains unstained.

There have been three elections in this Dominion which centred around the flag and the saying of St. John Macdonald still holds good of Miss Canada: "A British subject I was born; a British subject I will die."

Mayor Bowley was by far the oldest candidate in the recent election contest. The incident of a man waiting until he was eighty years of age before securing a Parliamentary nomination, without any doubt constitutes a world record.

Bourassa's job of bossing this fair land has been indefinitely postponed.

Hon. George Graham tried to ride two horses and he is now galloping down large doses in midstream.

The City Council did two excellent things last night. The decision to petition that the name of Kitchener be removed from that place was eminently fitting. It is a disgrace to have the name of that hero associated with any such pro-German settlement. The proposal to help solve the coal dif-

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BRITISH LABOR

Continued from Page One rich, not only excessive profits during the war, but also a constantly increasing claim upon the national income after the war in the form of interest, calls upon the government to impose at once a levy of 25 per cent. on the whole capital wealth of the country to be levied on all persons in possession of more than £1,000, for the purpose of extinguishing the national debt and compelling the rich classes to repay to the nation the wealth which they have acquired, not in return for service rendered, but as the result of an unjust and vicious economic system.

A second resolution by the same organization advocates "the complete nationalization of shipping and transport," as well as the following: "State purchase and control of all essential materials and food stuffs."

"The fixing of maximum, but not of minimum, prices for essential commodities, both for the government and the civilian consumer."

"The elimination of all unnecessary middleman's profits."

"The full utilization by the government of the resources of the cooperative movement for the purposes of distribution."

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