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## "GOD SAVE AMERICA"

Hats off to the President and Congress of the United States. We have said, with some bitterness, that the great democracy seemed to have forgotten its principles and the sterner virtues of its youth, and to be content to grow rich while freedom suffered and bled in a titanic struggle for its very existence. Our great neighbor has in truth grown rich, but now, at last, all that immense wealth and all the manhood of the nation is thrown into the balance against the enemies of democracy.

Not lightly or wantonly, nor yet in half-hearted fashion does the United States enter this war. The spirit that flamed at Lincoln's call responds to Wilson's clear-cut summons to the greatest adventure in the nation's history. The momentous decision was not made, even at the last, without opposition from some quarters; and when we learn that no less than fifty members of the House of Representatives voted against a declaration of war, in the face of all the recent warfare, we are better able to understand the difficulties which confronted President Wilson in the earlier stages of the great struggle.

But now the die is cast, and the voice of protest will be hushed, and swift punishment meted out to any who dare to play the traitor's role. When a nation of a hundred millions swings into action, with no thought of material gain, but inspired by the loftiest motives of humanity, none need despair of its future, or fear that its utmost power will not be exerted to bring a more speedy triumph for the cause it has espoused.

Those who believed at the outset of his career that President Wilson would prove to be one of the greatest of the nation's presidents, but whose belief was shaken after the war broke out and since, will now be disposed to re-adopt their first estimate, even if they would still like to be able to set down to his credit the protest which should have been put on the record when the nation violated Belgium. Beyond question, he stands out today a great and noble figure, unbending as fate itself, commanding the admiration not only of his most bitter critics, from Col. Roosevelt down, but of all the democracies of the world. His voice is the voice of a great people, who have turned aside from the babel of the marketplace to listen to the promptings of the spirit, and to proclaim once more, at whatever cost in blood and treasure, the sacred rights of man.

The far-reaching significance of the decision cannot now be measured. It brings the United States into the realm of world-politics, and forges another link in the closer relations of the great democracies. Events will march more swiftly now. We can all feel something of the thrill which ran along the trenches on all the battle-fronts when the news came that another had been added to the sisterhood of nations pledged to crush the last vestige of Prussian militarism and all it represents. The entire naval and military forces of the nation and all its resources are at the service of the government. If Canada with her small population could do what she has done, what cannot the United States with her enormous wealth, her powerful navy, and her great reserve of intelligent and resourceful man-power do?

And when the war is over Mr. Lloyd George will have his wish, which was that the United States might have a voice in fixing the final terms of settlement. Moreover, Canada and her nearest neighbor will be closer in friendship than ever before. The "tail-twister" will vanish from the United States, and the Yankee-hater from Canada. "The Yankee" exclaimed Colonel Roosevelt, when asked by a Toronto Globe correspondent last week if he had a message for the Dominion. "A grand country, Canada; and a grand people, Canadians. They've made themselves immortal in this conflict for liberty and right. My hat's off to them. Tell them I look forward to the honor of serving side by side with them."

Let us hope the Colonel will get his army division, and that Mr. Bryan, who (wonder of wonders) has promptly offered to serve as a private, may also find a suitable outlet for his unbounded but too often misdirected energy. The heart of the great nation is all right. God Save America! We can sing that and then more.

## A SENSATIONAL CHARGE

It was found by a Royal Commission that Mr. J. K. Fleming, while premier of New Brunswick, took "by compulsion" the sum of \$2,000 from a railway contractor.

The contracting firm of Kennedy & McDonald now assert that it cost them \$17,500 to get certain contracts on the Valley Railway, and that they signed a note for \$2,500 more, for which they are now being sued. They say the deal was made through Mr. Thomas Nagle, and that he got the \$17,500, and also the note for \$2,500 which is now being sued for.

The matter is before the supreme court. If all the facts are not brought out in the evidence there, it will be necessary to appoint another Royal Com-

mission. The people of the province, remembering former evidence at an inquiry into Valley Railway affairs, will want to know all about this particular transaction. If Mr. Nagle got the money they will want to know what he got it for, and what became of it. If he did not get it, they will want to assist him in having his shares entirely cleared of suspicion. It is their money that went and is going into the Valley Railway, and they are entitled to a full accounting.

The constant repetition of charges of graft in connection with public contracts has created a most painful impression, and the assurance given by the new government that it will probe to the bottom of every suspicious transaction is welcomed by every citizen who desires honesty in the administration of public affairs. If there is any truth in the charge that contractors had first to settle with favorites of the government before securing contracts, the whole story of every transaction should be spread on the records.

## A GOOD APPOINTMENT

The temperance people of New Brunswick will now see how unfounded and how grossly unfair was the charge made by the Murray government press and speakers that the opposition would not enforce the prohibition law. Ex-Premier Murray himself stands condemned, for repeatedly on the public platform he made that charge. It is not always safe to make unfounded charges. Mr. Murray did not dream that his government would be beaten, and he felt quite safe. How does he feel now? The Foster government has named as chief inspector, a gentleman who has been the trusted and honored agent of the Alliance in this province and who has been engaged in labors connected with prohibition in other provinces as well as in New Brunswick. Nor will the government interfere with the work of the new inspector. A member of the old government is said to have intimated that he would expect to be dictator in his constituency, but the Foster government proposes to enforce the law, and to that end will back up its chief inspector.

It is now the duty of all good citizens also to get behind the inspector, and to do their utmost to make New Brunswick bone dry. If it is found the law needs strengthening, that can be done when the new legislature meets. But in the meantime the duty of the people is clear and urgent. The law should be enforced to the hilt, and the storm centre will not be around the saloon men of today, but the boot-leggers and dive keepers of the period after the first of May.

The Foster government has promptly acceded to the reasonable and proper request of the Social Service Council that this province pay \$200 per year for the care of each delinquent girl sent to the Maritime Home at Truro. The sum of \$150 was quite inadequate. The other two provinces are understood to have promised to make the same increase in the grant. The Home in Truro is doing a splendid work, and has effectively aided the Children's Aid Society of St. John.

The Standard says there are "journalistic pups" in Canterbury street which "snap at the heels of decent men." It may be so. But an occasional yelp from the direction of Prince William street would seem to confirm the suspicion that a member of the canine species down there had been disturbed at his bone.

Let something of self-denial enter into the observance of Easter. Let us not forget the kind of Easter they will have in Belgium, nor the devotion and sacrifice made by the soldiers and the sailors. The silent messenger is in every home in St. John today. Let it carry away a substantial message of love and hope.

The Cubans are about to settle all their own differences by turning against the common enemy of all democracies. Their island will not become a centre of German intrigue, although many Germans are said to have gone there from the United States in the last few months.

If Mexico goes to war with the United States she may have to reckon with some of the South American republics. If the Mexican people will not settle their own differences their neighbors may have to do it for them before this war is over.

St. John extends a hearty welcome to the soldiers from the west. If their quarters are not the best, that is not the fault of the citizens, the wariness of whose welcome may somewhat atone for any lack of other comforts.

The news from the western front shows that the British and French are still gaining successfully at the German lines, and that the German losses have been more severe than in the earlier stages of their retirement.

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A certain country school teacher, in endeavoring to explain to his class what compressed air was, brought his bicycle into the room and leaned it up against the wall.

"Now," he remarked, "under the outer covering of that back wheel there is a hidden force. What is it?" "A tiny rubber," said one smart youth. "No. Try again."

The boy tried again, as did nearly every member of the class, but without success.

At length one of the youngsters, who had been making a close inspection of the machine, turned to the teacher with a beaming face.

"I have it," he exclaimed. "It's wind—just wind."

After commending the youngster, the teacher asked how he discovered the "hidden force."

"Why," was the astounding reply, "I've just stuck my knife in it to see!"

Milton Balzac was a struggling author. Of course he was poor, and of course he was starving and living in a bare garret. No self-respecting author ever struggled without a bare garret.

But now the end was at hand. He had had food for two days, and his masterpiece had been returned from the 48th publisher.

So at midnight he carefully stopped up every crevice in window and door, turned on the gas and lay down on his plunk bed to die.

But in the morning—such is the irony of fate—there arrived a letter from a famous editor inclosing a check for \$10,000 for one of his exquisite short stories. Ah, it was too, too sad!

But do not weep, M. B. was not dead. He is alive today, making ten thousand a year from his novels. He had forgotten to put a coin in the gas meter!

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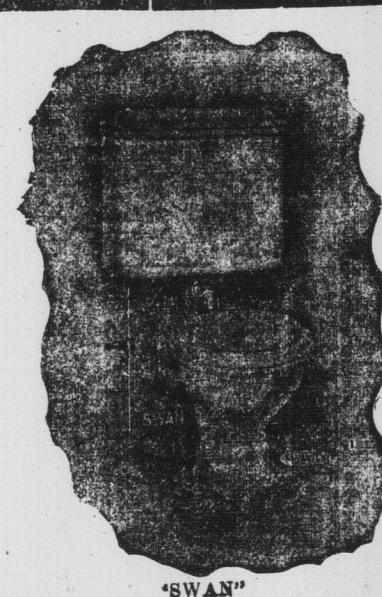
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## LEUT.-COLONEL J. L. McAVITY TAKES OVER THE 62ND REGIMENT

A reorganization of the 62nd regiment is to take place under the command of

Leut.-Colonel J. L. McAvity, late O.C. of the famous 28th Battalion. This announcement was made by Lieut.-Colonel McAvity on his return after an official visit to Halifax. The officers will be drawn from the most part from returned men who are in the province.

Major-General Newburn, who is in charge of the new militia organization, will be here on April 16 and scheme to complete the plans for the mobilization of the 62nd. Young men will be asked to volunteer to drill a few evenings each week, but the unit will be in every sense of the word one of home defence.

The men who enlist to serve with it will receive fifty cents for each and every drill session, which they participate. The physical test will be the same as that required by the C. E. F.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS  
TO CONSIDER REQUESTS  
OF TELEGRAPH COMPANIES

The application of the G. N. W. and C. E. F. telegraph companies for authority to amend the conditions on their telegraph forms, will be considered by the board of railway commissioners in a meeting on April 17. The amendment provides that the company forwarding a telegram to reach its destination shall not be liable for damages through either the sender or the addressee, arising from failure to transmit or deliver, or from any delay or error in the transmission, or delivery of any telegraphic message, or from interruptions in the working of its lines, for errors in cipher or obscure messages, or from errors from illegible writing, beyond the amount received for sending the same.

The articles of consummation of union between St. John and St. Stephen's Presbyterian churches were signed yesterday and the new Knox Presbyterian church formed. The meeting held yesterday at which the official seal of the church was placed upon the plan of union were signed by Rev. W. M. Fraser, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, P. N. Thompson, Rev. S. S. Clouston, D. F. Doig, Joseph A. Hann, K. J. MacLure, Ralph Cummings and R. F. McQuarrie.

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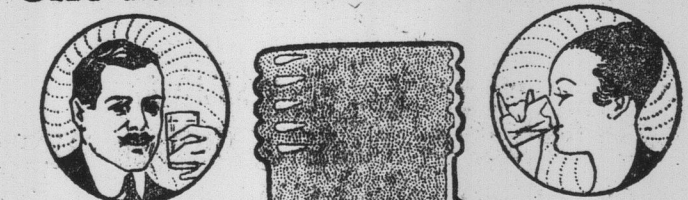
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It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reason-

able time and multitudes more will be able to strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expense of ever getting glasses. Eye troubles of many descriptions may be wonderfully benefited by the use of this prescription at home. Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Bon-Opto tablets. Drop one water and let it dissolve. With this liquid bathe the eyes two to four times daily. You should notice your eyes clear up perceptibly right from the start, and inflammation and redness will quickly disappear. If your eyes bother you even a little it is your duty to take steps to save them now before it is too late. Many hopelessly blind might have saved their sight if they had cured for their eyes in time.

Note: Another prominent Physician to whom the above article was submitted, said: "Yes, the Bon-Opto prescription is truly a wonderful remedy. Its constituents ingredients are well known to eminent eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. I have used it very successfully in my own practice on patients whose eyes were strained through overwork or mist glasses. I can highly recommend it in case of weak, watery, aching, smarting, itching, burning eyes, red lids, blurred vision or for eyes inflamed from exposure to smoke, sun, dust or wind. It is one of the very few preparations I feel should be kept on hand for regular use or emergency. It is an ethical preparation, the formula being printed on the package. The man who has looked like a dim green blur to me I cannot express my joy at what it has done for me."

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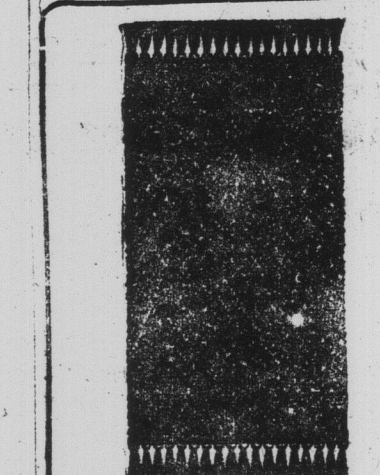
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