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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.

AN ELECTION CERTAIN.

It is now assured that Canada will have a general election within the next three months. In Parliament on Tuesday the Liberals managed to secure sufficient opposition to the Prime Minister's motion for an extension of the parliamentary term to cut the Government's majority to twenty and Sir Robert Borden, yesterday, announced that he would not press the measure.

Without any possibility of successful contradiction it can be said that the forcing of an election on the Canadian people at this time is the work of the men who from the first have opposed the policy of giving effective to the Government's term to cut the Government's majority to twenty and Sir Robert Borden, yesterday, announced that he would not press the measure.

With all their power they tried to get a referendum. They failed. The referendum was favored because it would delay the operation of the conscription measure and, for the period of that delay, paralyze Canada's military activity. With a general election they hope to achieve the same result for if they should carry the day at the polls it is certain—as certain as that tomorrow will follow today—that the act will be held up and repealed just as soon as the new Parliament is assembled. Try as they may the Liberals who voted for conscription and then forced an election cannot deny this or evade the responsibility attaching to their action. Even if they are unsuccessful at the polls they will have had the satisfaction of retarding the enforcement of the conscription measure.

To prepare for a general election and at the same time proceed to renege on their overseas armies the Government will probably be forced to keep both Houses in session for the whole period between this and the last day of the life of the present Parliament. It can readily be seen that to prepare for an election members of the Government must spend some time in their constituencies and in campaigning throughout the length and breadth of Canada. While so engaged they cannot give their full attention to the war problems which require to be dealt with. They cannot proceed effectively with the enforcement of conscription, or any of the other measures they have in preparation.

No matter how Liberals may seek to claim to the contrary it is a fact that the election campaign will interfere with the paramount duty of the hour, will be but a blocking manoeuvre for the opponents of conscription and will prolong by that much the unrelieved strain upon our fighting men at the front. Moreover it puts the whole success of conscription in actual peril.

Sir Robert Borden has exerted every possible effort to avoid an appeal to the people. His offer of coalition to Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the most magnificent overture in the history of Canada or any other nation. It is true that the enforcement of conscription was a condition of coalition and properly so, for there was no other question before the Parliament or the people of Canada which made any attempt at coalition or union necessary.

Liberals who supported conscription and later voted to send the Government to the polls failed miserably in their duty to their country. The conscription law must be loyally enforced and the men who helped to put it on the statute book should assist in carrying it out. However, they have decided differently and must bear the responsibility for that decision. The campaign will be bitter, but it is likely to provide a rude shock for those men who sought to make the country's necessity an opportunity for political advantage. Canada is behind Sir Robert Borden in the passage of conscription. Canada will stand behind him at the polls.

REAL PATRIOTISM.

It is good to find that six members of the Liberal party were sufficiently courageous to put their country's welfare ahead of their political affiliation and vote with the Government for an extension of the term of Parliament and against a war-time election. They are Dr. Michael Clark of Red Deer; Hugh Guthrie of South Wellington; Levi Thompson of Qu'Appelle; Robert Cruise of Dauphin; Albert Champagne of Battleford; and J. G. Turfitt of Assiniboia.

It was expected that Dr. Clark and Hugh Guthrie would take this stand, for from the first suggestion of conscription they have been heard and

spoken to toward and under the influence of the effort of the Canadian Government to support and assist those who are fighting our battles overseas.

When the Premier introduced the conscription measure he drew upon the memory of the men at the front being reinforced and supported with the least possible delay. Conscription is the only method to bring that support, for the voluntary system has failed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposal of a referendum had as its chief objection the delay it would involve and the Liberals who spoke and voted for the Government's motion and against Laurier gave this as one of the reasons for their course.

Now where do they stand? On Tuesday these same men, with the exception of six, voted against a proposal to extend the parliamentary term, thereby insisting that there should be a general election in Canada. Except for the fact that the Government can get ahead with the work of registration, an election will involve as much delay to the enforcement of conscription as a referendum, so the Liberals who opposed a referendum and yet voted for an election killed the very project they professed to favor.

One hand they extended to the Government with professions of loyalty and support while in the other they clutched the bledgen with which to smash effective aid to the boys at the front. In this they played the same game of Laurier and the radicals of Quebec, and in this they were disloyal and unpatriotic no matter how materially others of their name and blood have contributed to the cause of Empire. If the Liberals who showed patriotism in their attitude on conscription intended to maintain that stand and to assist the Government in the enforcement of the measure for which they voted, then, by promoting a general election with all its strife and discord, they took a very peculiar method of showing it. A vote for a general election at this time is a vote for the Laurier radicals, but it is not a vote for the boys at the front.

Conscription Has Not Split Laurier Party

(Toronto Telegram).

A split in the Laurier party on the conscription issue? The parliamentary and press following of Laurierian units to split the head of the Borden Government.

The parliamentary and press following of Laurierian does not divide to split the head of German tyranny.

The division is a division of form, in which the Parades, the Carvells, the Winnipeg Free Presses, the Globes and the Stars will pretend to oppose Laurier in order to save their own political and journalistic hides in the recruiting provinces.

The unity is in the substance of a resolve that the Liberals who can get elected as conscriptionists will go back to Parliament and betray conscription and betray the soldiers by joining hands with the Liberals from the anti-conscriptionist provinces in a restoration of Laurier, the arch-enemy of conscription.

Liberals fathers and mothers are not interested in the POLITICS OF CONSCRIPTION. Liberal fathers and mothers are interested in the PATRIOTISM OF CONSCRIPTION.

Conscription is something more than a question that can be dodged in order to save the political heads of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's followers in the recruiting provinces, and the journalistic heads of newspapers like the Toronto Globe, Star and Winnipeg Free Press.

Conscription is a question that must be decided in order to save the lives of the sons of Liberal fathers and mothers.

Conscription is viewed in the inner parliamentary and press councils of Laurierian as a question of saving political hides and journalistic hides. Conscription is viewed in the wider councils where Liberal fathers and mothers of soldier sons have their homes and hearts as a question of saving soldiers' lives.

KUT ENQUIRY WILL NOT BE CONTINUED

Government Cannot Afford to Be Deprived of Services of Baron Hardinge, Says Bonar Law.

London, July 15.—Announcement was made in the House today by Andrew Bonar Law that the government had decided not to proceed with the proposed judicial inquiry into the report of the consultation which investigated the Mesopotamian campaign.

In coming to this decision, the Chancellor said, the government had been guided by the objection raised during the debate on the report to a further inquiry, and also was influenced by the consideration of diverting the thought and energies of the legislature and the executive at this critical time from

Little Benny's Note Book.

The Park Ave. News.

Sports. A contest took place on Park Avenue front steps last Tuesday afternoon to see who could see the farthest, ending by Benny Martz seeing he could see a mile in a "straight" line. He blocks up the street and offering to take anybody that said he could.

Slain by News. Leroy Shooter, a well known slinky man, had his picture in the paper last Friday morning, on account of being in the crowd when the newspaper photographer came to take a photograph of the house where the fire was. Among those who were also in the crowd but didn't get in the picture was Mr. Benny Potts, Mr. Artie Alexander, Mr. Algren (Benny) Martin and Mr. Sam Cross.

For Sale. A fountain pen. Guaranteed not to leak if held strait up and down. See Sid Hunt.

Military News. A parade was held last Saturday afternoon on a real soldier wowed up Park Ave. and was immediately followed in single file by Kumply B until he turned around and saw them and looked so mad they thought he was a enemy and retreated.

Fame by Skinny Martha.

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the prosecution of the war. The soldiers would be dealt with by the army council in the ordinary way and the decision announced as soon as possible.

Baron Hardinge Stays.

The government, on the representation of the foreign secretary, who alone was in a position to judge, Mr. Bonar Law continued, had decided that it would be detrimental to the interests of the foreign office if it should at the present juncture be deprived of the services of Baron Hardinge, under foreign secretary, and had therefore refused his resignation, which had thrice been tendered. If it had been in the power of the government to refuse the resignation of J. Austen Chamberlain, as secretary for India, Mr. Bonar Law added, it would have done so.

John Dillon, Nationalist, announced that he would move an adjournment of the house in order to discuss whether the resignation of Baron Hardinge should not be accepted.

Roseville, A. Co., July 15.—A terrific hail storm swept over this place this afternoon doing great damage to crops. Potatoes and turnips are practically ruined. Hail fell for an hour and a half and covered the ground an inch deep. So far as can be learned the hail fall was not general but struck a few farms in Roseville. The farmers hit by storm will suffer considerable loss.

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THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday Marcus Freedman was fined \$30 for driving under the gates at the Mill street railway crossing.

Everett C. Land, John O'Brien and Joseph O'Brien, who are in custody on a charge of intimidation, were brought

into court none of the cases were heard. A judge charged pending St. George have been charged with the law, but payment months

The Trade a local stockin omber factors possible not ha to slow operati he had enime difficu ed the in the ing the