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## At a Critical Stage

With the fall of Combes the crown has been placed upon the series of attacks constituting the long offensive against the Germans on the Somme which has been going on since June.

The Germans had turned the town (before the war of 20,000 population) into a strongly fortified position and its resistance served to check the allied advance towards Bapaume and Peronne. Consequently the capture of this position means much more than the fall of Combes. It is not so much, either, that our troops are seeking to capture this or that particular position. They are out to break the German lines, and Combes is a token that they have been broken.

Our United States friends are quick to see the change in the situation, and The New York Tribune accepts the latest developments as indication sufficient that Germany is beaten. The only question now is how long it will take to compel Germany to acknowledge what everyone else knows. A great deal depends upon the action of the German people themselves. Fed upon falsehood, a sad awakening lies before them, and they may wish to wreak their vengeance on those who have deceived them. The German leaders, from the Kaiser down, now know that they are fighting for their lives, and may be depended upon to make desperate efforts. Many a battle that was lost in prospect has been won in fact, and there is much in history to encourage the Germans.

There is all the more need that Britons everywhere should take the utmost pains to make sure that no advantage now possessed shall be lost, and that the victory which has cost so much will be sealed and certain.

## The Race for President

Never before have the people of Canada taken less interest in the result of the United States presidential election. One reason is that a few months ago we were nearly all of us denouncing President Wilson as a pro-German holding on tight to the German vote. Today, with apparently every German-American shouting himself hoarse for Hughes, we are feeling a little nonplussed. Wilson may or may not be pro-German, but the Germans are undoubtedly pro-Hughes.

Again, we have the feeling in Canada that the race is too one-sided to be interesting. We all take it for granted that Mr. Hughes is going to win almost by acclamation. The result in Maine seems to point that way.

But, while the chances are undoubtedly against the president, it would be premature to count him out of the contest. The Republicans hope to carry the country on a platform calling for a tariff mountain high. That appeal will be popular in the great manufacturing states, but will it cause the Progressives in the states west of the Mississippi to return to the Republican party?

In 1910 the demand for a lower tariff wrecked the Taft administration. It had much to do with the split in the Republican party, which made Wilson president in 1912. The Republican managers may be over sanguine in counting all tariff reduction sentiment as negligible in 1916.

Were times normal, one would expect the Wilson administration to make a strong appeal to the people of the middle west. The tariff has been reduced; the banking and currency situation has been reorganized and improved; until now the United States stands abreast in financial matters with the most enlightened nations of the world; the teeth of the armament trust have been drawn. The war, however, which has upset so many calculations, may prove to be the undoing of the president. There is a marked tendency towards re-

actionary politics in the United States, and the stand-pat Republicans have regained nearly all they lost in 1910 and 1912.

## Varsity's Heart Right

Varsity has sent 3,041 men to the colors. This was the good tidings that President Falconer had wherewith to cheer the new groups of students at yesterday's inaugural in Convocation Hall, when the 78th session was officially opened. Dr. Falconer reminded the students that the war was not fought for mere lust of slaughter, and that the real aim of the conflict so far as the entente allies are concerned was to determine whether in the future the world is to be organized for peace or organized for war.

Besides the men with the colors Varsity has 1,300 undergraduates and 1,700 graduates—3,000 more men in training. With such traditions and such an achievement the University of Toronto has its heart in the right place.

## A Silver Cross

Mr. W. A. Fraser has been suggesting that the Canadian Government institute a medal to be known as the Silver Cross, to be conferred upon mothers whose sons have fallen in battle.

The idea is a beautiful one, and would appeal to any nation which honored motherhood as fully in practice as in theory. The unselfish mothers are not always regarded according to their sacrifice. Some selfish parents exact and receive greater service and affection from their children than unselfish parents do.

Children set into the way of accepting a parent's kindness as a matter of course, taking it for granted and as a right. Those who have learned the thanksgiving for their "creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life" should know better, but few comparatively learn the thanksgiving.

It would be a wonderful thing to some mothers to have their son recognized by the state. We doubt if the men who conduct the affairs of the nation consider women as of sufficient importance to warrant the adoption of Mr. Fraser's suggestion. If it were a means of getting votes it might be different, yet even the politicians would shrink from an endeavor to get votes out of mothers' grief. The heart knows its own bitterness, and the mothers who have lost their sons sorrow in silence. Nothing that the nation can do could heal the immortal wound. Yet we believe that the mother who had lost her son in battle would be proud to wear the Silver Cross for his sake.

## Religion and Geography

Rev. John Voris, late of New York, and now of Wyoming, finds that when a great many people emigrate from the east to the west they do not bring their religion with them. He says that in Wyoming, people who in the east taught in the Sunday school and the Bible class are taking no part whatever in religious instruction. He declares that the pioneers, instead of hungering for the gospel, have to be fairly driven into them by aggressive missionary work. Family prayer appears to be little known in Wyoming, and the people show a distressing desire to hunt, fish and attend the movies on the Sabbath day.

Mr. Voris does not believe that the religious convictions of people are changed by their crossing the Mississippi River. He thinks, on the other hand, that a great many people who take a more or less active part in church work in the east do so without any profound spiritual conviction. Religion, he thinks, is in part a social phenomenon, and certain people who are sincerely religious in a certain environment, will become indifferent or even irreligious when they change their neighbors, and lose the restraining and compelling force of public opinion.

Perhaps, however, people conform with many customs, not because they think they are of divine sanction, but because the majority of good people with whom they associate are of that opinion. It is well-known that people of blameless lives do in New York, London and Paris what they would not do in Toronto; nothing, of course, done by them is inherently wrong, but they unconsciously, almost automatically, regard certain recreations from the standpoint of the place they may be visiting rather than from the standpoint of where they live.

One may give outward assent to a doctrine which he regards as non-essential, because to refuse that assent would cause him to be misunderstood. Only the other day the Student Y. M. C. A. conference meeting at Lake Geneva, placed under the same ban, gambling, profanity, dishonesty, immodest dancing and the use of tobacco.

We venture to think, however, that the world is more deeply religious than ever before. Many evils that flourished almost without rebuke among our ancestors are now stamped out by universal disapproval. Duelling, gambling, profanity and drunkenness are examples. Our Canadian people do not seem to lose any religious zeal by moving from the east to the west. Perhaps Mr. Voris is too hard on Wyoming.

**Soldier is Given Two Years For Stealing From Hospitals**

Convicted a week ago on four charges of theft from the nurses' quarters at various hospitals, Private James Whitney appeared in the police court for sentence yesterday, and was given two years in the penitentiary.

## MORE THAN SHE CAN COVER



## Political Intelligence

That Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Montreal meeting tonight will strike the keynote for the Liberals in the coming national campaign is generally anticipated. The Montreal Herald the other day said the Liberal chieftain would deal with a number of issues, including better recruiting methods, provision for the returning soldiers and the high cost of living. These would be all questions that any politician might talk about and around indefinitely. By their discussion Sir Wilfrid could scarcely hope to electrify his audience of crystalline eyes and ready of public opinion throughout the country.

The Toronto Globe evidently expects something more. It came out yesterday in favor of nationalizing the railways of Canada, and practically declared itself in favor of The World's policy on nickel.

What Sir Wilfrid may say, either tonight or on some future occasion, respecting the railway question we do not intend to know. While in office he viewed all efforts to bring about public ownership of public utilities with something like dread. But we have little doubt that tonight he will land on the nickel question, and it will not be where The Globe and Star landed when that question was of paramount issue in South-west Ontario.

If Sir Wilfrid gets away with a good start on such live issues as the nationalization of our railways and of our nickel deposits it may give the government some trouble to catch up with him in the coming campaign. His deliverance therefore at Montreal tonight will be awaited with considerable interest.

This telegram, explains the location of Sir Hilbert Tupper:

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 15, 1916.  
C. W. Lunn, Editor Sun, Toron:  
Your letter received. The defeat of the Borden government will result in great benefit for the Borden government. Many Conservatives like yourself who support the Borden government, worked hard against Borden government.

Special to The Toronto World.  
MONTREAL, Sept. 26.—Henri Bourassa, who has not said or written a word on the Ontario schools since he received instructions from Rome to drop the question, is busy in The Devil with the notion that the Pope is a Nationalist, and that the attitude of his business is the same as Mr. Henri Bourassa. He concludes his article with the statement that the objects of all right-minded Catholics should be to win a peace that will not be profitable to one of the belligerents, but to all. Pan-Germanism, he claims, pan-Slavism and English imperialism will not find this to their taste, but that right, justice and humanity will find it more than German Kultur or English finance.

Mr. Bourassa also, in the same article, attempts to prove by quotations that if England sought the friendship of France it was simply to separate the republic from the Catholic Church. It was England, he says, that took charge of all Protestant effort to proselyte the world to the Protestant way of thinking. Then proceeding in his attack on Great Britain, Bourassa intimates that there is nothing in the claim of some Catholics that England freely opened her arms to Catholic priests and nuns expelled from France. Nothing of the kind, says Bourassa, contending that England's only motive in doing this was to destroy the union in France between the church and the state. Even in this country, claims Bourassa, Irish bishops and old country French priests have constituted themselves agents to Angify this country in order, so Mr. Bourassa says, to pay back Great Britain for according alleged benefits. He goes on to say that the Pope realizes Russian cruelty in Galicia, and that if his holiness also hears of the same in all camps.

**Man and Wife Get Severe Sentences for Selling Drug**

Arrested at their home in Shuter street, William and Mabel Long appeared in the police court yesterday on a charge of having morphine in their possession and selling the drug. Long was sentenced to six months, and his wife to three months on the jail farm.

**Drug Fiend Will Be Deported After Serving Six Months**

Six months on the jail farm was the sentence imposed upon Michael McNamara, charged with having drugs in his possession, when he appeared in the police court yesterday. As McNamara is an American citizen, he will be deported as soon as he has served his sentence.

**GOES TO A JURY.**

Alleged to have been the driver of the motor car which struck and injured Donald Lowrie on Jarvis street on September 16, Roy Brintnell appeared in the police court yesterday on a charge of criminal negligence, and was committed for trial.

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## MANY TORONTONIANS ON ROLL OF HONOR

Another Casualty List Contains Names of Over Hundred Citizens.

## EIGHTEEN ARE KILLED

Capt. J. E. Ryerson Has Made Supreme Sacrifice—Seventy-Nine Missing.

Another heavy casualty list was issued yesterday containing the names of over one hundred soldiers serving with Toronto units. Of the eleven officers mentioned three are dead and one is missing. The list of names of men totals 106, eighteen have been killed in action, five have died of wounds, one has died of disease, and 1 is seriously ill and 79 are wounded.

Captain J. E. Ryerson and Lieut. W. A. Duthie have been killed; Lieut. W. A. Simpson has died of wounds; Lieut. J. T. Walker is missing, Lieut. H. J. Stuart, (Montreal), H. E. Moore, A. N. Gurney (Hamilton), W. G. McGhie, (St. Catharines), L. C. Hulton, (Windsor) and W. D. Stroud, (Ottawa), are reported wounded.

Captain J. E. Ryerson reported killed in action, went overseas with the 5th Battalion. Later he was transferred and placed in charge of a trench mortar battery. He is the youngest son of Mrs. C. E. Ryerson, 40 St. Clair avenue. For many years Captain Ryerson was a private in the Queen's Own Regiment and was a cousin of Surgeon-General Ryerson.

Prior to enlisting he managed the Wychwood branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

About a year ago Lieut. W. A. Duthie, without being hurt, Pte. Arthur R. Parton, 473 Clinton street, has been removed to a London hospital. He is just 18 years of age and was a cook with a University Base Hospital.

Seventeen-year-old Pte. A. Milligan, 60 Seaton street, has been wounded in the left arm. He was transferred to the 84th Battalion and was later transferred to another Toronto unit.

Justice Sutherland Grants The World Leave to Appeal

Leave of appeal from Mr. Justice Britton's decision in setting aside the decision of Master in Chambers Cameron, requiring Controller Foster to attend for examination as to his assessment and income, in his motion regarding the libel action brought against V. F. Maclean, M.P., and The Toronto World, was granted by Mr. Justice Sutherland at Osgoode Hall yesterday. In giving leave his lordship said: "The matters in question are somewhat important and the propriety of making the order, which is in appeal, is not free from doubt."

The first divisional court list for today is: Louson v. Dominion Stamp Co.; Hay v. Gurney; Pearson v. Calder; Blend v. Brown; Niagara Grain v. Reid; Smith v. Miller.

**HOMESEKERS' EXCURSIONS TO WESTERN CANADA.**

The Grand Trunk Railway system is now running trip home-seekers' tickets at very low fares from stations in Canada to points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, each Tuesday until October 31st, inclusive, via the Bay, Cochrane and Transcontinental route, or via Chicago, St. Paul and Duluth, and are good returning two months from date of issue. Through tourist sleeping cars are operated each Tuesday for Winnipeg, leaving Toronto 10:45 p.m., via Transcontinental route without change. Reservations in tourist sleepers may be obtained at nominal charge on application to any Grand Trunk Ticket Office. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is the shortest and quickest route between Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton, with smooth roadbed, electric lighted sleeping cars, through the newest, most picturesque and most rapidly developing section of western Canada.

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