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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.

## PLAYING PETTY POLITICS.

If Mr. Pugsley imagines that the men of this constituency will stand behind him in his determination to trifle with the compulsory military service measure he is laboring under a grave delusion. This is a crucial period in the history of Canada, certainly not the time to attempt to defeat the will of the great majority of the people by any of the piffling methods which for the past few years have made up the Pugsley stock in trade of political shrewdness. No man in the House of Commons has been guilty of more petty time wasting than the ex-Minister of Public Works and advice from Ottawa indicate that he is still resorting to the same sort of tactics in a puny effort to delay the passage of the compulsory military service measure.

Yesterday afternoon, when the debate was resumed, Mr. Pugsley took advantage of a technical point to claim that as there was not a quorum present on Friday night last when the House adjourned, the motion for second reading of the compulsory military service bill could not be taken up except by unanimous vote of the members. If Mr. Pugsley had gained his point further discussion would have been delayed until certain formalities had been complied with. This might have taken several days and valuable time would have been wasted. Fortunately, however, Mr. Speaker Rhodes knew parliamentary procedure as well as Mr. Pugsley and ruled the objection out of order.

After his speech of several days ago on the conscription proposal Mr. Pugsley's action of yesterday had no effect except to once more focus temporary attention upon his small-mindedness. This country is at war. Our men in the trenches are in dire need of reinforcements and added support. The desire of the Government is to provide that support as quickly and as effectively as possible and it is with this in view and no other that the conscription measure has been introduced. The big men of the Liberal party, almost without exception, have agreed that the situation warrants such action as the Government proposes to take, and have broken with their leader rather than follow him in his opposition to that action.

It remains for Mr. Pugsley alone of the leading Maritime Province Liberals to continue to adhere to Laurier, even though the best interest of Canada and the Empire imperatively demands that every patriotic Canadian shall take a different stand.

Mr. Pugsley has not been influenced or touched by the war in Europe. He has not raised his voice to stimulate recruiting, he has done nothing to forward the war cause in any way. And now he is found as a petty party prattler at a time when political partisanship is not in tune with Canadian opinion.

Not only has Mr. Pugsley bungled the greatest opportunity of his career to show himself as an outstanding Canadian, but the lesson of the past fortnight seems to have been lost upon him. He can no longer be regarded as an astute politician, quick to judge public sentiment and govern himself accordingly. Formerly he was regarded as one of the great minds of the Liberal party; now he is merely a tiresome bore who has ceased to show evidence either of strong mentality or warm human sympathy. Mr. Pugsley is rapidly travelling the road that leads to oblivion and the political scrapheap. He has had his day. The call of the present is for men of more robust mind and higher standards.

## MR. SINCLAIR'S VIEWS.

"Capable administration, money and men." In the opinion of Mr. J. H. Sinclair, Liberal member for Guysboro, these are the three things most needed if Canada is to satisfactorily perform her task in the great war and they are needed in the order named. The member for Guysboro is a rather staid gentleman, much given to dropping speeches, and his effort in the House of Commons yesterday was no better or no worse than those with which he is wont to regale Parliament whenever he can catch the Speaker's eye.

In the present case the member for Guysboro seems to have gotten the cart ahead of the horse. Capable administration we have. Capable men we have. The proposal of coalition by Sir Robert Borden to Sir Wilfrid Laurier was not made because the Premier thought the Liberal leader could add administrative strength to the Government but, rather, in the interests of harmony and with the hope of binding all Canada more closely to the work of war winning. The present Canadian Government cannot be judged by the standards set for any of its predecessors.

for it has mastered difficulties in comparison with which the problems of other days were very simple. For instance, the fathers of confederation, much as we revere and admire them, could not have handled Canada's war problems better than has been done by the Borden Government. True, there have been mistakes, but it should not be forgotten that, in this regard, Canada's record is better than any of the Allied nations. Canada of all the Allies has not faced a governmental crisis as the result of the war. Therefore, there is no ground for Mr. Sinclair's insinuation that our administration is not capable.

Money this country has got as it wanted it. The floating of more than three hundred million dollars of war loans and the fact that every offering was oversubscribed is fairly good evidence of two things, first that the Canadian people had confidence in the Government, and second that money could be obtained here when needed. What Mr. Sinclair is attempting to get at is that he favors some method whereby the accumulated wealth of the country shall be made to contribute in greater measure to war costs. This is already under consideration by the Minister of Finance and when it becomes necessary to go after that money Sir Thomas White will get it with as little difficulty as he experienced in financing the war loans. And the people will be willing to contribute, for the measure of taxation to be imposed will be eminently fair to all.

The third phase of Mr. Sinclair's argument, is that we require men. In this he is correct, yet we find he is not prepared to support the method by which it is proposed to get them. He is opposed to the plan of selective draft although he knows it would never have been necessary if voluntary recruiting had not practically outlived its possibilities.

There is one point to be kept in mind in considering the utterances of Mr. Sinclair and of others who think as he does. If Sir Thomas White had succeeded in garnering ten billions of dollars for Canada's war funds that success would not result in the addition of one man to our fighting lines and at this time it is the men who are required. The Government proposal deals properly with the problems of the day. What is required now is conscription of men and that will be secured. When it becomes necessary to take more largely from the accumulated wealth of the nation, even the member for Guysboro will probably be satisfied with the measures by which that wealth will be obtained.

Mr. Sinclair does not represent the opinion of Nova Scotia Liberals. Against his partisan production place the calm, dispassionate pronouncement of Mr. A. K. MacLean, junior member for Halifax, and fiscal critic of the opposition. Comparison of the two speeches will be greatly to Mr. Sinclair's embarrassment but it is a fair way to get at the mind of a real front bench Liberal from the neighboring province. Mr. Sinclair, as stated before, is a flatterer gentleman much given to dropping speeches. Mr. MacLean is a public man who thinks. The thinker made less noise than his Guysboro colleague, but his contribution to the debate was of much greater value. In Parliament or out of it noise seldom indicates brain power.

## A CALUMNY REFUTED.

A Parliamentary return shows that 3,893 returned soldiers have been given employment in various departments of the Government. The figures are an impressive reminder, says the Ottawa Journal-Press, that the administration is adhering splendidly to its announced policy of appointing returned men to the public service whenever and wherever possible. There has been no more conscienceless charge levelled against the Government than that made by certain unscrupulous demagogues in press and on platform that it was discriminating against the soldiers. It was an accusation that must now take its place among the lengthy list of infamous untruths which have been exposed by official facts in the course of the past three years.

## FARM LABORERS MAY JOIN STRIKE

Ribbles, Ariz., July 2.—Mine strike leaders at the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World here claim to have received telegrams today from the agricultural division of the Industrial Workers of the World, offering support to the strike. They claimed 52,000 farm laborers throughout the middle west who are being counted upon to assist in the wheat harvest, are in the division.

## OFFICIALS DEPLORE THE BOSTON RIOT

Gov. McCall Has Assurances All Soldiers and Sailors Guilty Will Be Punished.

Boston, July 3.—After conferring with federal officials regarding the disturbance attending a socialist parade, Gov. McCall issued a statement in which he deplored the affair and the participation of uniformed soldiers and sailors in it and said he had assurances from army and navy officers that it would not happen again. "United States Attorney Anderson said that he heartily concurred in the sentiments expressed by the governor, Brig-Gen. Edwards, commander of the Department of the Northeast, and officers representing Commandant Rush of the navy yard took part in the conference."

## MISCREANT WRECKS A TRAIN IN PICTOU CO.

Some Person Tampered with Switch and Derails Engine—Fireman Cut—Brakeman Injured.

Special to The Standard. New Glasgow, N. S., July 3.—The Sunny Brae train which makes the early run to Pictou Landing was derailed yesterday at Trenton as the result of a switch having been tampered with. It was about half past five and the driver did not notice that such was the case. The locomotive took to the sleepers and then careened over on its side. The fireman's arm was cut. The wrecking crew soon got matters straightened out. An attempt is being made to apprehend the person who tampered with the switch.

## A YOUNG BOY DIES FROM EATING PILLS

Bathurst, July 3.—Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Theophile Dutton in the death of their son, two years old, which occurred under very regrettable circumstances. The little fellow got hold of some pills in some way and before it was noticed, had eaten a large quantity of them. In spite of the use of an antidote the effects of the pills caused his death in convulsions in a very short time.

## REXTON

Rexton, July 2.—Mrs. J. L. Hutchinson has returned from a visit to friends in Moncton.

Mrs. Robert Harding has returned from Boston. Misses Mary and Bessie Wright have returned from St. John's where they have been teaching.

Mrs. R. A. deOlliqui, who has been spending several months with her children in Moncton, returned home Saturday. She was accompanied home by her son Alphonse, of New York, and her daughter, Miss M. J. deOlliqui, of Rogersville. Miss Vera McInerney, of the Sussex teaching staff, came home Saturday to spend her vacation.

Miss Gertrude Price returned home Saturday from a visit to friends in Moncton. She was accompanied home by her brother, Ernest, of Moncton, and her cousin, Miss Buchanan and her brother, Ernest, of Moncton. Miss Agnes McDonald, of the Campbellton teaching staff, came home Saturday to spend her vacation.

At Londale, Kings county, June 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Buchanan, the latter's sister, Miss Bertha Hall, daughter of John and the late Jerusha Hall, was married to Mr. Campbell Hall of Lower Cove, Sussex. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Charles, looked charming in a pretty dress of white crepe de chine, with bridal veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair fern. The wedding march was played by Miss Jennie Dymart, niece of the groom. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Shaw of Sussex, beneath an arch of lilies and ferns. The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl pendant. After the ceremony a dainty supper was served, after which the happy couple left by auto for a short honeymoon. The bride's travelling suit was of blue serge with hat to match. They will return the happy couple will reside at Lower Cove, Sussex. Many handsome presents testified to the bride's popularity.

## Little Benny's Note Book.

Me and Leroy Shooter and Skinny Martin was wawking alone, and all of a sudden Skinny Martin sed, G, look at the worlds greatest pole balancer!

Meaning a long thin man on top of a ladder washing the glass on a lam post, and we all stopped and looked up a wile, and then Leroy Shooter sed, Lets portend hes in a side show and we are selling tickets for it, step up, ladies and gents, step up and see the worlds greatest pole balancer for 2 nickels or one dime, children half price, babies free of charge, you can call out any part of his body and he will balants himself on it.

He balances himself on his frunt tooth on a pole 200 feet in height for 2 nickels or one dime, step up, step up, step up, I yelled.

The chance of a life time, ladies and gents, yelled Skinny Martin, step up and see the worlds greatest pole balancer and cross his legs on the top of a pole 600 feet in height for 2 nickels or one dime.

The long thin man jest keeping on washing the glass on top of the ladder without saying anything, and we keep on pertending we was selling tickets for him, me yelling, its your last chance, ladies and gents, he may fall down any minnit and brake his neck for 2 nickels or one dime, if youre not satisfied with this grate show you dont haft to stay and you get 2 cents back.

See the worlds greatest pole balancer balants one one one with the other uce in his mouth on a solid gold pole 1000 feet in height, he was captured in the wilds of Africa and can only speak monkey, yelled Leroy Shooter.

With he was jest going to yell something else wen something came down and hit him rips in the face, Being a big darty sponge full of darty wattir. And the pole balancer started to come down the ladder fast as anything, and us 3 ticket sellers ran like the doose.

## CASUALTIES

Ottawa, July 2.—Infantry. Unofficially Died Whilst Prisoner of War—Corporal C. W. Wharton, Beach Meadows, N. S., Died of Wounds—G. C. Westall, Naahwankia, N. B., Presumed to have Died—Ivan Henderson, Merigonish, N. S., Russell Colburn, Shulee, N. S., W. M. Henderson, St. John, N. B., Wounded—Lance Corporal H. C. James, St. John, N. B., Wounded—T. Harrison, Sussex, N. B., M. E. Markan, Campbellton, N. B., Lieut. R. F. MacAfee, Millstream, N. B., J. M. Stuart, Quarryville, N. B., J. F. Sias, East Jordan, N. S., G. Vine, Weaver's Siding, N. B., Lieut. J. S. Henry, Salisbury, N. B., Prisoner of War—E. McManus, West Bathurst, N. B., Wounded and Missing—John Scott, St. John, N. B.

## SEARCHING FOR HIDDEN TREASURE

Hunting for New El Dorado on P. E. Island.

The Charlottetown Guardian says: A new Edition. Better in the existence of money and other treasures buried by the early French settlers of the Island at the time of the conquest is very prevalent and deep rooted in certain sections of the province, especially along the coasts where most of the French settlements were located. Among these places, Greenwich of the east side of St. Peter's Bay, where traces of a French settlement are to be seen, and many articles belonging to the early settlers have been found, including a small cannon, has attained a wide celebrity and is a favorite haunt of treasure seekers, concerning whose adventure many tales are related. The treasure is believed to be located on the farm of Mr. Garbert Sanderson which occupies the extremity of the peninsula forming the east side of St. Peter's Bay, but the exact spot is known only to certain of the "natives."

On Wednesday night, the 14th inst., a number of men from one of the nearby lobster factories at Cable Head, fired by the tales of wealth to be won and headed by a stalwart individual from the Head of Hillsboro, who feared neither ghost or goblin, determined to make an attempt to unearth the long sought treasure and having provided themselves with a mineral rod and other necessary appliances they set forth "burning with high hopes" in search of this new El Dorado. But alas their fervent expectations were doomed to disappointment for having neglected to take a guide with them and being strangers to the locality they spent the night in fruitless endeavors to locate the place where the money is supposed to be buried and returned weary and dispirited and cursing their ill luck with serious emphasis. The scores, though well kept, leaked out through some remark let fall by the leader of the expedition who it is claimed was responsible for their failure to take along a guide as he trusted in "luck" and the virtues of the mineral rod to make the discovery. It is said that since the "disenchantment" his beliefs in "luck" mineral rods and buried French treasures have vanished simultaneously.

Catherine Boyce. The death is announced in Roxbury, Boston, of Catherine Boyce, formerly of St. John.

## MARRIAGES

Tait-Hall. At Londale, Kings county, June 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Buchanan, the latter's sister, Miss Bertha Hall, daughter of John and the late Jerusha Hall, was married to Mr. Campbell Hall of Lower Cove, Sussex. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Charles, looked charming in a pretty dress of white crepe de chine, with bridal veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair fern. The wedding march was played by Miss Jennie Dymart, niece of the groom. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Shaw of Sussex, beneath an arch of lilies and ferns. The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl pendant. After the ceremony a dainty supper was served, after which the happy couple left by auto for a short honeymoon. The bride's travelling suit was of blue serge with hat to match. They will return the happy couple will reside at Lower Cove, Sussex. Many handsome presents testified to the bride's popularity.

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