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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.

GRIT INCONSISTENCY

No better example can be found of the partisan spirit in which the Liberal newspapers are prepared to treat all matters affecting the public business of Canada and the Government entrusted with the duty of administering that business, than is furnished by the editorial utterances of those newspapers on the question of an election.

The Times, with an agility doubtless acquired by long experience in flipping from one side of the political fence to the other, lustily calls for perfect unity of thought and action on the part of the Canadian people and, in the next breath, illustrates how completely it is prepared to practise what it preaches by bitterly assailing the Borden Government, all its members and all its works. Last night it was the turn of Honorable Robert Rogers, and, in a characteristic editorial under the caption of "The Unspeakable Rogers," the Times alleges that Mr. Rogers is in favor of an early appeal to the people because the Government of which he is a member, "has been and is permitting favorites to enrich themselves at the expense of the country and to divert to their own pockets money which should be made available for the prosecution of the war," and he fears revelations to this effect. Aside from the fact that the Times' statement is an absolute lie, it also throws an interesting light on the attitude of the Liberal newspapers which have been protesting against an appeal to the people.

These newspapers have declared that the Government is dishonest, that it is incompetent and has shamefully bungled its handling of the war contracts and its other business in connection with the Empire struggle in which Canada is proud to be engaged. Such statements have been but reflections of the utterances of Liberal speakers in the House of Commons and throughout the country wherever opportunity offered. Either they can or cannot be justified. If there is warrant for the statement that the Government is corrupt, how can the Liberals square their willingness to keep this corrupt administration in power until after the war, with their duty to the country? Is it not the duty of all Liberals as "honest men" to use their utmost efforts to hurl such a Government from power with not a moment's delay? But, instead of manifesting a willingness to go to the unprejudiced jury of the Canadian electorate with their wild and reckless tales of corruption and graft; tales made, circulated and fathered by one-time representatives of the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a government the most corrupt and vicious Canada has ever known, we find the Liberals falling in their duty as watchdogs of the people's interest and loudly clamoring for a deal or agreement by which the present Government of "corruption and iniquity" shall be permitted to continue its "plunderings" for an extended term.

The game will not work. The fact of the matter is that the Liberals fear an election because such a test will expose the falsity of their own statements. An election campaign will show that the Canadian people have confidence in the Government led by Sir Robert Borden, that they know it to be an honest and businesslike Government, that they know their affairs are being well handled, and the calumnies circulated by the Liberal politicians and the Liberal "bought and paid for" press will be properly refuted.

The Liberals have stated that the Government is unworthy of the confidence of the people. Hon. Robert Rogers has indicated as his opinion that the Government should not ignore that challenge, and because there is a possibility that the Liberals may be given an opportunity to take their case before the court of the people the Government is at once branded as unpatriotic and disloyal, and the argument is advanced that things should be permitted to remain as they are until the conclusion of the war, an event which may be reached in three weeks, three months, or three years. In the meantime, the Grit Senate will continue to maintain a strangle hold upon the popular branch of the administration and the will of the people will be prevented from finding expression. The game will not work. The Liberals have issued the

challenge; if it should be accepted they should at least show sufficient British courage to take their medicine like men.

WAGING WAR AGAINST WAR

The words used in the heading of this article express just what the women gathered now at The Hague International Peace Congress are doing. Their presence there, almost within the sound of the destructive guns of the world's opposing forces, implies that, in their opinion, the only way to end the age long arbitrament of arms is to make war upon war and to determine that cost whatever it may this invincible resolution of theirs shall not relax or weaken until the gates of the temple of Janus have been closed once and for all.

Were we not at the present time so fully occupied in waging what is undoubtedly the greatest war the world has ever known, it might not prove either an uninteresting or unprofitable study to consider, de novo, the whole problem of war in its relation to the economy of human life and the progress of the world.

Do those of our fellow men and women whose intelligence is not questioned and whose sincerity it is impossible to doubt, and yet who stand forth in every nation as the advocates of peace at any price, realize what kind of a world this would be were their platform suddenly to be adopted in every sphere of national and international life?

Granted, that suddenly, as it were, by some almost miraculous process, it were possible for all wars to cease and for all armaments to be cast to the world's scrap heap and for all instruments of offence and defence to be swept clean off the face of the earth, and the bosom of the sea, what would we then have left to us as mortals? While for the time being this world would be a world without the outward symbols and material equipment of war and battle, yet would it not still continue to be a world in which there would remain the stern necessity for men and women to battle against these forces whether external to human life or within it, by which the paths that lead upward to the summits of perfection are obstructed?

War is horrible; war is frightful; war is all that has been said by the noblest of the race in deprecation of it and yet we are warranted in thinking that it will ever be possible to do away with the sombre shadow which it casts across the landscape of life so long as the human race continues to be imperfectly developed.

As a matter of fact, Hague peace palaces and all that accorded due valuation, it is impossible for most of us to see, that taking this world, not as it might be, but just as it is, into consideration, it is a world in which, by the very nature of things, there must be more of war than of peace. Or, as a well known English writer has expressed it: "There is the war waged by the mind of man against powers of nature in the fulfillment of his mission to subdue them, the war of light against darkness, of truth against ignorance and error, the war of good against evil in all its numerous forms," and then he adds with reason, "that it is very sad that we should feel little interest in any form, except that which to the well-being of mankind is, commonly, the least important."

Looking at the world and the nations and people of the world as it all appears today there does not seem to be much room for the hope so earnestly encouraged by some of the best intentioned people, namely that by the agency of peace palaces and peace congresses and kindred institutions and organizations an era without strife shall speedily be ushered in.

Would not the progress of the race be better advanced were some of the energy that now-a-days is being expended in impossible peace propaganda to be directed towards the cultivation of that courage by which all life is recognized as a wondrous varied war in which every one must somehow either prove himself a soldier or a shirk? Whether we will or not, we cannot, as the editor of the Spectator has said, get away from strife and nowhere is there any sign of peace for even the "pacifists themselves have courage enough to make war both

against nature's ordinance and against all combativeness that differs from their own."

TOO THIN, MR. GRAHAM.

Hon. George P. Graham, ex-Minister of Railways in the Laurier cabinet, is the latest member of that distinguished coterie of extinguished cabinet ministers to raise his voice in protest against a general election. Mr. Graham declares, according to the Times, that "it is our duty to be fighting the enemy abroad, not quarrelling amongst ourselves at home." And, again, "There is no need for an election now. For my part I would be willing to ask the Imperial Government to extend the term of parliament one year, that there might be no division in Canada during the war. It would be a national outrage to call an election now."

It may be interesting to know that this statement of Sir Wilfrid's former minister was made, not at an election meeting, not at a gathering of whole-souled Canadian patriots met to consider how they could help the Canadian Government to grapple with the problems before it, or how to promote unity and single mindedness during the period of war, but at a meeting of HIDEBOUND GRIT PARTISANS of West Toronto and the purpose for which they met was to complete organization.

Organization for what? For the election they so greatly deplore, for the campaign which, in the words of the editor of the esteemed Times, will create "strife and bitterness." Apparently the Grits of West Toronto will be ready to contribute their bit to any "strife and bitterness" to be created. And a former minister of the Laurier cabinet was right there to assist in the process. If Mr. Graham is sincere in his belief that there should be no election he should prove his sincerity by his actions. But the evidence in the Times' own article shows Graham the "partisan" busily preparing to do work of which Graham the "patriot" does not approve. It will not do. The Liberal press and Liberal politicians must spread their veneer of patriotism a little thicker if they would keep the dragon of partisanship from pushing his head through the crust.

BRITISH WOMEN WHO WERE HELD IN BELGIUM GIVEN THEIR RELEASE

Have Been Detained Since Beginning of the War—Taken to Holland.

Rosendaal, Netherlands, via London, May 4.—A large party of British women were today brought out of Belgium, where they had been detained since the beginning of hostilities. The American authorities in Belgium arranged for their departure and accompanied them to the frontier, where they were handed over to a member of the British legation staff. The party comprised 33 nuns and 45 other women and infants and besides 15 children under sixteen years of age and one elderly man. All of them belong to the better classes. They did not complain of the treatment they had received at the hands of the German authorities. They said the German soldiers were jubilant over the reported Russian reverse in the East and had waved bulletins reporting the German victory in the faces of the departing Britishers.

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WHAT WE'D DO.

If I were promoting a city ball league I'd fight shy of jumpers and such-like intrigues.

At stealing I might become much of a shark. But it wouldn't be players I'd pinch for my park.

I wouldn't cop Johnson; I wouldn't take Cobb. They want all the bank roll to stay on the job.

I wouldn't sneak Collins, though keen is his eye. The son-of-a-gun puts his price up too high.

I wouldn't steal Speaker, although he can hit. The pay that he asks almost gives me a fit.

I wouldn't encroach on another's

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

I was setting awn the setting room floor with my back against the wall not doing anything special after supper yesterday, and pop and ma started to talk about what they wanted me to be when I got old enough to be anything. I'd like him to be a minister, sed ma, its sots a mark of respectability in a famerly if thares a ministir in it, imagine having our boy a ministir.

Imagine having him an undirtakir, sed pop, no, my dear, thares not enuff fun in beeing a ministir, and besides, he mite get sent as a missionary to sum cannibill islands and the cannibill mite stork him into the stew jest because his naim is Potts and they cood have a joke about Potts within pots, you no wat a horribill sents of humor these cannibill have.

I nevrir thawt of that, sed ma.

Thats awl rite, I dont mind thinking of things for you, sed pop, now its my idee that he wood make a good politishin, hes a pritty toxy kid, you no, and thares no telling that he woodnt clime up the laddir rung by rung till he got to the top.

Wat, goverment of sumthing, sed ma.

Wats to partent, sed pop.

No, if hes not a ministir I think I want him to be a doctoir, thares no professhin as nobill as that of a doctoir, sed ma.

Wat, and having all our relaywhins running heer' to get treetid for nothing, no air, sed pop, if hes not a politishin I want him to bekum a lawyr and be a ritch man without axuilly working. Wich jest then I sed. Do you no wat Im going to be wen I gro up, pop, do you no wat Im going to be ma. Im going to be a dawg ketchir.

Good nite, sed pop, as the gerl sed wen she powdred her fase inated of washing if, wats the use.

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