

the situation is. With Americans going forward in thousands and Britishers coming over the line to enlist in hundreds it is quite a question as long as there are ample Canadian reinforcements still in England, whether our first duty is not to conscript men for shipbuilding and wheat growing. I would like to see any government try it at fighting wages and on war conscription terms.

As we all know Harry Lauder gave what he held dearest in the world—his son. Few know the government asked him for one thing more. That he would help them to induce people to limit the household use of bread to the absolutely necessary. He has told the people they may know what it is to starve, that it is also possible that our brave boys may have to go over the top hungry. He told them he spoke not as a Scotch comedian, but as a simple man of the people.

Thoughtless as the trout that takes the angler's fly, the voter that cannot see beyond the bait of conscription, which has little indeed to do with winning the war, may find too late that he has swallowed the hook of autocracy, and strange as it may seem that the three letters w-a-r in the label on the bait really spell election. Those who can swallow fancy franchises, being simple enough never to suspect they were given for a purpose, or who think the disfranchisement of