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## THE SITUATION

The surrender of Jerusalem to the British forces constitutes a most important incident in connection with the campaign in Palestine. It is also a reminder of the fact that the troops of John Bull, in this great war, are busy upon more than one front. At one period the Turks were so threatening that even the Suez Canal was thought to be jeopardized, but Baghdad was finally taken, and now there has come the fall of the Sacred City.

From Russia there comes the word that the Cossack uprising is gaining in strength, and that General Kaledin's forces are already menacing Moscow. It is also said that the new republic of Siberia is likely to give sympathetic help, and that an order has been issued there preventing the shipment of food supplies to European Russia for fear the same may reach the Germans.

It is reported that owing to the defection of Russia, the Germans now have the greatest force of men on the Western front, recorded since the inception of hostilities. France is expecting another titanic offensive, but it is expected that her army chiefs are confident, and that the morale of the soldiers is excellent. Meanwhile it is fully realized at Washington that the United States will have to "speed up" in the matter alike of men and munitions.

## THE ONLY ISSUE.

There is no issue as to Conservative or Liberal Government. A strong Union Government, representative of all political parties, is opposed by the Laurier-French-Canadian section of the old Liberal party. There is no issue as to the administration of the war by the Conservative Government upon which opinions might honestly differ for the big war spending departments of Militia, Marine and Public Works are all in the hands of "new brooms," former Liberals, and people who believe in a change have already got it. There is no issue as to the tariff. That has always been a party question. Laurier himself agreed that such questions must stand until after the war. The western Liberals in the Union Cabinet loyally stand for that principle. There is only one issue, as the Hon. Hugh Guthrie put it at Brockville, and that is "Shall eight provinces be dominated by one province or shall the majority rule?" If Liberalism means anything, then the majority of the provinces in this Dominion must control the united destiny of Canada. The gauntlet has been laid down by the French-Canadian portion of Quebec Province. Most regretfully the remainder of Canada must answer the challenge in the only constitutional way, namely by voting against any Laurier candidate and thus supporting the united and continued participation of Canada in the war under the new and real Union Government through the enforcement of the Military Service Act, and by conscription of wealth and of personal service, things which Union Government alone can effectively accomplish. As a prominent Liberal has said "Until the war is over let the terms 'Liberal' and 'Conservative' with all their rivalries be packed in the lumber room and the key lost."

## Meetings in the Interests of HARRY COCKSHUTT

The Win-the-War Candidate for the Riding of Brant,

will be held as follows—

WEDNESDAY—At Mulligan's School House at 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY—At Harley at 8 p.m.

PARIS—Saturday Evening, Union Rooms, formerly Borden Club Rooms.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

## SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL

The passing of Sir Mackenzie Bowell removes a notable figure from the Canadian public arena. From printing office to Premier was his record, and every one of the advancements which he made, was based on sterling worth. He was not a great man in the sense of the late Sir John Macdonald or the late Sir Charles Tupper, but he had a sturdy and broad-minded faith in the Dominion and the Empire, and he had right worthily filled the many high positions to which he attained. For the best part of a century he was owner and editor of the Belleville Intelligencer, and to the last, he maintained his keen interest and activity in public affairs—speaking quite frequently and forcibly in the Senate.

## THE TRUTH STATED

In an advertisement elsewhere in this issue, Mr. MacBride purports to tell the truth with regard to alleged offers in the matter of a win-the-war candidate in this riding. As a matter of fact, his version is distorted and absolutely incorrect. The attitude taken was that if the Labor men wished to have a standard bearer, that was entirely within their rights. What Mr. MacBride wanted was to have a picked convention decide for the electors of this riding. The attitude of Mr. Cockshutt and his friends has been that it is the sovereign will of the people that should prevail at the polls.

This is the British way, and not the hole and corner method with the few tramping on the rights of the many.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

You subscribed to a Victory Bond. Do you want Henri Bourassa to dictate how the money is to be spent?

If it was an "unholy alliance" with Bourassa several years ago what can it be now?

Should Laurier become premier of Canada the outpourings of the two former political parties surely will come to their own.

True Liberalism in Canada is represented by men like Carvell, Rowell, Calder, Guthrie and others, not followers of the red flag like Bourassa and Lavergne, and followers of the patronage pot like Hartley H. Dewar and Hon. Charles Murphy.

Patronage under Union Government has been abolished, but from Montreal to Gaspé they smell the patronage under Sir Wilfrid.

Don't vote for Laurier because he has had an honored past. Honored pasts won't bridge this crisis.

If the Union Government is defeated on December 17, every cable will carry the message that Canada has quit the war.

Free speech is a thing of the past in Quebec. Rule by Bourassa means the rest of the freedom of Canada is in like danger.

The old Liberal slogan of 1896, "Laurier, Mowat and Victory," has deteriorated to-day to "Bourassa, Laurier and Quit the War."

The Military Service Act means equal service by all; voluntarism means service by some, but none by Quebec.

In Union Government is Canada's only hope; in Union Government is the only hope of the men at the front.

This election is Canada's true referendum on backing up the army in Flanders. Are you going to back up our soldiers or quit?

A referendum means delay, confusion and retreat. A Union Government victory means "action front."

If Canada quits the war will you be proud to call yourself a Canadian?

The referendum idea is the last refuge of the slacker, the pro-German and the cowards.

For Easy Chairs, you can't do better than buy from Burgess, 44 Colborne street.

## I.O.D.E. FOR WIN THE WAR GOVERNMENT

Petition Afoot to Secure Furlough for First Contingent Men

The Dufferin Rifle Chapter, I.O.D.E., held its monthly meeting Monday afternoon at the Armories. The routine work was soon disposed of and the correspondence read. A letter from Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, enclosing a cheque for \$38.50, being part of Mrs. Bell's generous contribution to our Brantford soldiers, was gratefully received.

Mrs. Sager kindly donated a bath robe for the chapter's room in the Soldiers' Home. Some literature from the "League of Honor" movement was read—for the women and girls of the British Empire—seeking to unite all those already engaged in patriotic service and to enlist others to do their share. Every endeavor was made and grounded in the fundamental forces of prayer, purity and temperance. It was decided to write for particulars of the movement in order to undertake the work early in the New Year.

Resolutions were read from the National Executive:

"Whereas, the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire is a patriotic organization that includes in its ranks Canadian women of both political parties who are loyal to the great Imperial ideal:

"Whereas, it has always been the policy of our order to support Imperialism without taking part in political strife or party controversy;

"Whereas, our order has already put itself on record as endorsing all undertakings that aim to secure a decisive victory in the war, including conscription of men, wealth and resources and the win-the-war policy;

"Whereas, we recognize that in the coming Dominion election, vital questions will be settled affecting our Empire, that all loyal citizens must pronounce upon according to their convictions;

"And, whereas we recognize that our Imperial ideals may be interpreted differently by loyal and devoted Daughters of the Empire;

"Be it resolved, that the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire will not take part in the election campaign as an organization.

"But, be it further resolved, that it is the duty of every member of the order in this time of Imperial crisis to use her vote and influence as a citizen in the campaign to secure a Government that will press the war aggressively to a victorious conclusion."

Furlough for First Contingent Canadian Expeditionary Force

At a meeting of the National Executive, held October 34 and 4th, it was decided that the chapters of the order should be circulated with regard to co-operating in securing as many signatures as possible for a petition that furlough should be granted to the remnant of the first contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The petition when signed should be forwarded to head office, to be forwarded to the Minister of Militia. Enclosed is a copy of the petition for the use of your chapter. Signatures may be obtained outside the chapter.

The petition of the undersigned citizens of Canada respectfully showeth that while fully appreciating the urgent need of every available man in order to maintain the Canadian Expeditionary force at strength in Flanders and France, the opinion is ventured that it is possible without seriously impairing the efficiency of the forces to grant furlough to the few remaining Canadian heroes of the First Contingent to return for rest and recuperation in Canada.

These brave boys—now unhappily but a remnant—for the past three years have been continuously absent from their loved ones, enduring untold hardships without complaint, in the tremendous conflict between right and might. They have by their gallant and heroic sacrifices, brought honor and glory to the Native Land and the Empire, and under all the circumstances your petitioners most respectfully but urgently submit the prayer for favorable and prompt consideration and action."

The members unanimously voted that the Chapter undertake a trip of agitation of the petition and ask every Brantfordite to sign it.

The weekly knitting teas which have been most enjoyable as well as profitable will be discontinued until after the January meeting.

The purchase of \$50.00 of wool for socks was authorized to be made at once and that the next parcels are to be sent to the Navy. The 215th Auxiliary donated over a hundred pairs of socks to the chapter—parcels of seventeen pairs with tobacco have been sent for Christmas to the 1st, 4th, 19th, 58th, and 75th Battalions, to the 7th Canadian Construction Battalion, to the 24th Battery and the Canadian Navy, besides individual parcels to many of our boys in other battalions in France.

HANDSOME CROCHED RED-SPREAD

on exhibition in C. B. Crompton's window, donated by Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, St. Jude's Rectory, to be raffled for Red Cross. Tickets, 25c, obtainable at Crompton's, Red Cross rooms and Collegiate Institute Patriotic League.

Largest assortment of Rocking Horses in the city. J. W. Burgess, 44 Colborne street.

Vote for Cockshutt and back up the boys at the front.

## SIR SAM ARRIVES

Full of Energy as Usual—Had to Drop Two Meetings on Account of Delayed Train

The train from Toronto pulled in at the Grand Trunk depot shortly after 12 o'clock to-day. There were two engines and also the energy of Sir Sam Hughes on board, but even then the record stood at two hours late.

The ex-Minister of Militia stepped jauntily off the car and was greeted by Senator Fisher, Harry Cockshutt and others. In the short, sharp sentences so characteristic of him, in fact they sound like rifle reports, he made terse comments.

Asked by a Courier man what he thought of the prospects, he replied: "I'm not a prophet. Tell you the night of election."

Sir Sam looked particularly fit, and in the course of conversation, casually remarked that he had motored all night on one occasion last week in order to keep an engagement.

Owing to late arrival, he had to forego two meetings at Cainsville and St. George, but speaks this afternoon at Burford, at Parkdale, 7 p.m., and Paris at night.

After the latter meeting, he makes a dash by auto to be in time for other engagements.

## TOYS

that will appeal to the children and your purse, at J. W. Burgess, 44 Colborne street.

## Holmedale Kith and Kin

Win-the-War Meeting will be held under the auspices of the Holmedale Kith and Kin in the interest of Union Government at Dufferin School, Holmedale, on

Wednesday, 12th Dec.

at 8 p.m. Addresses will be delivered by W.F. Cockshutt, Mrs. S. W. Secord, Rev. H. C. Light, Aid Jones and others. Everybody welcome. God Save the King.

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## TO THE ELECTORS

The one great issue in the present election is whether Canada shall slink from the battlefield and desert her brave boys over yonder or whether she shall resolve to back them and continue to do her utmost on behalf of the Dominion, the Empire and the great cause of human liberty.

If Laurier wins, Quebec wins and Quebec openly affirms that Canada has already done too much and that future help must cease.

Are YOU in favor of that?

Ralph Connor (Rev. Mr. Gordon) who not long ago returned from the front where he was chaplain said in a recent appeal:

"When Joffre at Washington was asked, 'How can America best help France?' he made answer like the impact of a bullet: 'Send us men, France needs men, send them quick. Food, guns, ships, yes, yes, but chiefly and quickly men.' And in passionate oratory Viviani echoed the word. Arthur Balfour, with quiet but intense iteration, pressed home the truth—'France must have men.'"

So with the whole western front against which Germany has flung her scioned masses of war-bred men in vain. There is sore need of men there. The French line grows thin. The army of our Empire, too, that phenomenon of the war, fighting on five fronts, grows thin upon the western front. The Canadian line grows thin. As the line moves ever forward, the line grows ever thinner and more thin.

Russia is out of the war. Pray God, no worse may come from her. Italy, reeling from the stroke of the Hun War Club, ceases for some months to be capable of a great offensive. Hence, with her released millions the enemy is preparing for the western front an overwhelming, a smashing blow.

Oh, Canada, our boys are on that front. Inevitable as the sunrise, that blow will fall. What men can do our men will do. Grim, resolute, but with not unanxious hearts and with many a yearning glance toward their home land for aid, they wait that stroke.

Oh, men of Canada, will you, can you unmoved, look on while that thin line of Canadian heroes waits the approach of those massed battalions long trained and fully equipped for this final attempt to hack through? They need you, these comrades of yours. For three years they have fought for you and your cause. They wonder at your easy deliberation. The haunting fear gathers about their hearts that you have forgotten them. Pitiiful God, help them against that fear!

Your party? Your leader? God forgive you, for Canada never will if for things like these you forsake those waiting lads.

Referendum now, while with furious haste our enemy prepares destruction for that waiting line? Surely not referendum now, Canada, but reinforcements and quick to your waiting sons. A thousand voices chatter reasons for delay but across the seas comes one voice clear and loud, brave but heart-piercing.

Who calls Canada?

Your boy, and he is calling for you. Quick! Go with all your haste, you may be late."

The above are burning words and they should steel the resolve of every man and woman to cast all other thoughts aside except that of heeding the call of our heroes and standing loyally by them.

Can YOU afford to go into the polling booth and cast a vote which will say that such help shall not be immediately forthcoming?

I think not.

Sincerely,

W. F. COCKSHUTT.

## LOCAL

COUNTY COUNCIL.  
The closing session of the County Council for the year held on Wednesday.

COLBORNE STREET.  
The Missionary Committee of the Epworth Colborne Street Church, evening, Mr. Baldwin address and Miss Phyllis an instrumental solo was taken by Miss D.

PRAY FOR UNION.  
The Presbyterian Association unanimously solution yesterday of Union Government's active conscription, and its success at the polls.



People of forty—that is, father—have been about everything except a Christmas except glasses. Then why not as the year's gift.

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