

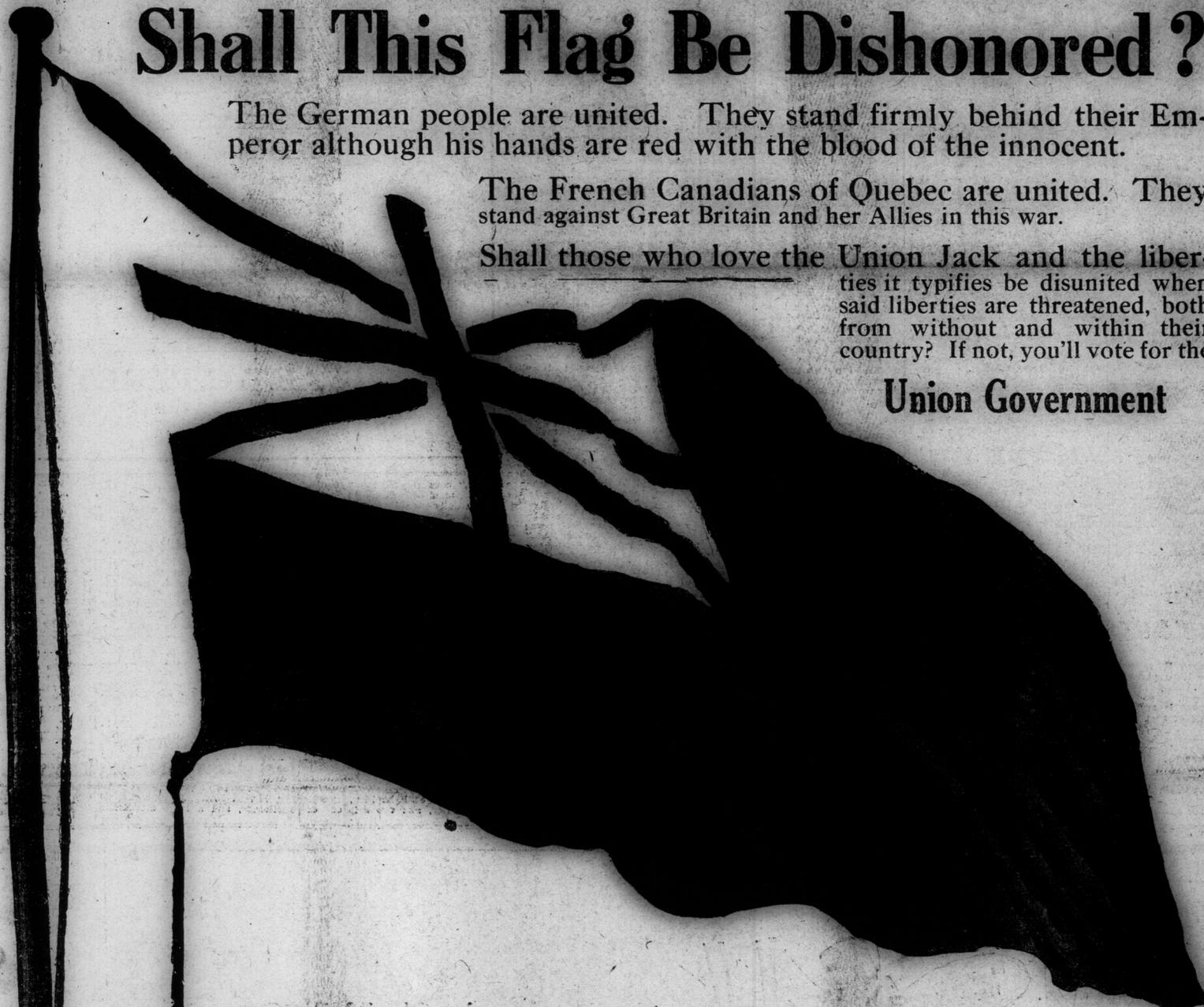
## Shall This Flag Be Dishonored?

The German people are united. They stand firmly behind their Emperor although his hands are red with the blood of the innocent.

The French Canadians of Quebec are united. They stand against Great Britain and her Allies in this war.

Shall those who love the Union Jack and the liberties it typifies be disunited when said liberties are threatened, both from without and within their country? If not, you'll vote for the

**Union Government**



## THE UNION GOVERNMENT PLATFORM A MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT BY CANON SHATFORD

Program Includes a Large Number of Reforms—Adequate Taxes on War Profits and Increased Levies on Big Incomes—Soldiers and Their Dependents to be Suitably Recognized

- 1.—The vigorous prosecution of the war, and the backing of the brave boys at the front with needed reinforcements.
- 2.—Civil Service reform and the abolition of patronage.
- 3.—General extension of the franchise to women.
- 4.—Adequate taxation of war profits and increased taxation of incomes.
- 5.—A strong policy of Immigration and settlement upon the land.
- 6.—Effective arrangements for the care and vocational training of returned soldiers, adequate pensions for those disabled and for the dependents of those who have fallen.
- 7.—Development of transportation, the co-operative management of the various railway systems and encouragement of ship-building.
- 8.—The reduction of public expenditure.
- 9.—Effective measures to prevent excessive profits, to prohibit hoarding and to prevent combination for the increase of prices and thus to reduce the cost of living.
- 10.—The encouragement of co-operation among those engaged in agricultural production, with a view to diminishing the cost of production and marketing so that the price paid to the producer may conform more closely to that paid by the consumer.
- 11.—The general development of all the varied resources of Canada, and their conservation and utilization to the best advantage of the people with the co-operation and assistance of the State, in every reasonable way for that purpose.
- 12.—Adequate consideration of the needs of the industrial population; the maintenance of good relations between employers and employed, and such conditions of employment as will ensure suitable standards of living among the laboring classes.

If Conscription is Not Carried it Will be the Greatest Disaster in the Lives of Our Fighting Men

The following is the copy of a letter received by Senator Foster from Rev. Canon A. P. Shatford of St. James church Montreal, who is at the front on active duty as Chaplain, Soldiers Institute Chaplain Service, Canadian Corps.

My Dear Senator Foster:

I have been wanting for some time to write you in the hope of discovering the exact condition of things politically in Canada. We are much concerned over here because we are quite satisfied that the issue is more tremendous than the people at home think. If conscription is not carried it will be the gravest disaster that could happen in the lives of our fighting men. Everything really hangs upon that question. Our men have done magnificently. It is everywhere conceded that the Canadian Corps is the finest in the whole army. In every engagement they have been splendidly successful there are deeds of courage and heroism that thrill one to the core, in fact I am firmly persuaded that human bravery is higher than ever it was in all the long history of the past.

There is, however, a war-weariness setting in, and can you wonder at it? Humanity after all can only endure so much—the constant marvel to me is that it has held out so long—and if we put too much strain upon it something will snap. There was never an hour when we required more cheering and encouragement. Our lads must be assured that the country is behind them—if by the decision of the Canadian electorate that fact is revealed the future is assured. If on the other hand there is any uncertainty about the approaching election it will paralyze our effort or take the heart out of our brave boys. What is the hope, therefore? I am watching the despatches anxiously, for I stand in a position of opportunity and responsibility. It is my privilege to speak to thousands of these men every week and I can therefore do much to strengthen the morale of the Corps.

But I do not want to buoy them up with false hopes—to be quite frank I am desperately afraid of the situation in Canada. I see that Laurier's resigning and a new leader contemplated. Also that Borden is taking able liberals into his Cabinet. Is the election to be fought on party lines? Are they trying to eliminate conscription as an issue? I tell you solemnly my dear friend, that the Canadian people must in some way be made to see that this time is critical beyond exaggeration. Cannot something be done even yet to eliminate the party issue and make the election a straight war issue? Let the whole country realize that Canada's future depends upon her full and determined prosecution of the war. Every available dollar and man must be put behind the government—it matters little whether the government be conservative or liberal. But let no mistake be made that the government is a certain and vigorous war government. You will forgive my writing so strongly but I know your position and influence and am convinced that your last ounce of

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### WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The disturbance, which was near the Bay of Fundy yesterday morning has moved northeastward to Labrador causing gales with snow and rain in the Maritime provinces. Snow has also fallen in Quebec. The weather has become decidedly cold in Ontario, but has moderated a little in the west.

Forecasts.

Fair and decidedly cold today and most of Sunday, then moderating with some light snow.

Vote for Cockshutt and help win the war.

### NO HALFWAY MEASURES

Canadian Officer Writes to Brantford Relative Tells in Plain Terms That They Should Support Union Government

The following is an extract from a letter received by Mrs. H. W. Fitton of this city from her brother-in-law Major William Leggatt of the No. 3 Canadian Heavy Artillery now in France:

"The War is lasting a long time, isn't it, and the trouble is that there does not seem to be any end in sight. I am writing to my friends in Canada telling them what their duty is in this forthcoming election on behalf

of the Union Government. There must be no halfway measures because every able-bodied man is required. The women have done nobly and can do more. The last man will be required here so they might just as well come along. Germany is doing it; we have nothing to fear from their men. Our infantry and particularly our great Canadians are

more than a match for them. They do not like the Canadians, and if it wasn't for their Artillery we would have them back before this. Our fellows are such a splendid looking lot and their discipline leaves nothing to be desired. We can proudly take our place with the nations of fighting men and have nothing to fear from adverse criticism."

FRENCH OFFICIAL.  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, Dec. 15.—"Nothing worth reporting occurred during the course of last night, with the exception of rather lively artillery fire on the Beaumont-Bezonvaux front (north of Verdun)," says to-day's War Office statement.

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