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FOLLOW BRITAIN'S LEAD.
ACCORDING to Canadian Conservative press and regulations, the British people and press are the most disloyal, unpatriotic and sacrilegious aggregation on earth. They have no respect for names and positions, but only for ability, efficiency and success. They commit the heinous sin of not only criticizing the premier but threatening him with removal if he does not exhibit sufficient strength.

Britain demands strength in its premier. It is easy to imagine what would have happened to Sir Robert Borden had he been so unfortunate as to be leader of that country during this war. A week would have been his limit.

But Canadians are more forbearing. Unwilling to bring on an election during the war it was possible to avoid it, and desiring to give the Government every opportunity to "make good," they have refrained from taking the step that wisdom dictated two years and more ago, and have allowed Borden to remain at the head of affairs.

During all this time he has been the butt of sarcasm from his own party and press for his weakness, indecision and lack of all that goes to make a great statesman. The Liberal party has been more merciful than his own, but there has come a time when further forbearance would be disastrous. With Sir Robert at the helm, internal strife and dissension threaten the country; the promise of decent treatment for soldiers and dependents has been broken, and conditions will not be improved. Confederation is in danger.

Canada must become more British in her attitude towards governments and leaders. In the old land no military commander, premier or minister can last who fails to "deliver the goods." Mawkish sentiment is not tolerated. The welfare of the nation is the only thing which is permitted to count. Canada is beginning to see that this is the only way to victory. She realizes that the first step must be the overthrow of the hopelessly rotten and inefficient Government in Ottawa, and the banishment of the moneyed interests' tools to private life.

The awakening has come, and British principles will prevail. Under Sir Wilfrid Laurier Canada will be united in her war effort, and Confederation will be safe. Strength is required in Canada's premier, and that fact makes Sir Robert Borden's further tenure of office impossible.

Gen. Mewburn says that the Unionist Government is sure to win. All right, general, but you will be saying again that the reporters misquoted you after Monday next.

THE SOLDIER'S PAY.
THE ADVERTISER has been asked: Why do the newspapers not publish the truth about the amount paid private soldiers? Why do they insist on talking about \$1.10 a day, and ignoring the fact that the men are given food and clothing, and that their wives are granted separation allowance, with additional grants for children?

Let us take all this into consideration, and compare the total with that paid to men in other and less dangerous walks of life. The private soldier who is single receives \$1.10 a day in actual cash. He receives his food and lodging (the latter a cold and wet trench when in France) worth at the outside \$5 a week, or 70 cents a day. His clothing costs, at a rough estimate, when in civil life, \$100 per year, say \$2 a week, or 30 cents a day. It would be unfair to base the value of clothing on that worn while in the army, as army life is much more severe on clothes than civil life, and the value to the individual in comparing pay must be based on what he would require in his ordinary employment.

The sum total, per day, therefore, for a single man with no dependents is \$1.10, plus 70 cents, plus 30 cents, equalling \$2.10.

If the man be married or the sole support of a widowed mother or other near relative, an allowance of \$25 is made now, the increase from \$20 having been made recently for political purposes. This equals 83 cents a day, making a total of \$2.93.

For this amount, \$2.10 or \$2.93, as the case may be, he endures all the horrors of war, the wounds, the privations, the never-ending nervous strain, the separation from all his loved ones, and risks death every moment in the battle area or the prospect of suffering injuries which will totally unfit him for future work, and which will bring him an inadequate pension.

Could any men be obtained to work the same hours, do without sleep for days at a time, and labor in mud up to the hips in working hours in civilian life, even without counting the dangers? Every employer of labor knows the answer. Even enumerators are paid \$4 a day.

To the question propounded to The Advertiser was added this statement: The wives of many soldiers are better off than ever, and are not attempting to save, but are buying luxuries. The Government is not to blame for not paying more. Does anyone attempt to dictate to the officers how often they shall attend the theatre, how much entertaining they shall do, how they shall dress, whether they shall spend the winter in Florida or California? Everyone considers it as the business of the women concerned, and refrains, very wisely, from interference. So it must be with the wives of privates. They have as much right as the wives of officers to spend the hard-earned money of their husbands in any way that pleases them. They have the same right as the wives of professional men, merchants or politicians. But, their income is about \$40 a month.

The Government is to blame that it does not give them an opportunity to live on a scale more nearly approaching that enjoyed by other people, and that it counts the life of a private of less financial value than that of an officer, when it comes to paying pensions.

Is it the Tory, bureaucratic view that "these women should be kept in their places and should be glad to work out and wear drab and dowdy clothes while their men are at war?" The Liberal view is that the country owes them a debt it can never repay, and that they are worthy of the best that can be provided for them.

"He (Sir Robert Borden) is willing to go through the motions of adopting conscription, but UNEQUAL TO THE TASK OF REALLY PRODUCING AN ARMY." From the Toronto Star, Unionist, July 25, 1917. Laurier said at Regina he would undertake to secure all the men Canada wanted from the province of Quebec. Let Sir Wilfrid do it, Mr. Atkinson.

HOW WOULD HE VOTE?
IS THERE THE FATHER, the mother, the sister or the daughter of a soldier who has died for his country who is inclined to vote for the Borden Government next Monday? If there is such a one, let him or her, before marking the ballot, conjure up a mental picture of the last few minutes of that loved one's life. Was he "killed in action?" Was he on outpost duty?

Think. In a lonely shelter, protected from the enemy's view, stood a Canadian volunteer, clear-eyed, steadfast, cool and courageous. He was typical of his thousands of comrades. Peering through the gathering gloom he could distinguish the forms of four or five Germans, composing a small scouting party. In a few moments they would be fair marks for his unerring aim. On they came, and when the time was ripe the young soldier's rifle came to his shoulder and spoke once. A German fell, never to rise again, and his companions halted, terror-stricken. Again the Canadian's finger pressed the trigger, but the Ross rifle had jammed, and he was trapped.

Recovering from their shock, the remaining Germans charged towards his hiding place. What were his thoughts? Did he not condemn in his anguish the Government which sent him to face the most cruel and inhuman foe of all time with a defective rifle as his only defence? Did he not write with added pain at the thought that his death was decreed rather than that a contract for these rifles should be cancelled?

What would he think of the mother, sister, father or brother who would vote to keep that Government in power, and condemn his comrades to suffer a like fate?

Think. What would he do if he could send his vote from the spirit world?

Let those who compromise with evil beware. And let them remember that the condoning of offences condemned in the past will not save any government, and the "power of the press," great as it may be, cannot be invoked in favor of the state of affairs which it has held up to the scorn of millions of people.

TEUTON AND TURK.
MR. LEWIS EINSTEIN, late American diplomat at Constantinople, has published a diary of April—September, 1915. In it he shows up both the German and the Turk. Far from warring like a gentleman, it appears that the Turk has systematically killed British wounded and maltreated, even starved, the prisoners. The Germanized Young Turk out-Prussians the Prussians in cold, calculated brutality. The Armenian massacre was due not at all to fanaticism, which Mr. Einstein says was hardly noticeable in the spring of 1915, but was planned in cold blood under the direction of the Germans.

As for these latter, their lies appear even more monstrous than ever from the American observer's cool notes of their proceedings in Turkey. As the Morning Post reviewer says, "their best attempts unfold joint by joint like a devil's coach-horse in such a way as to make one feel that a creature of the pit has crawled up to earth." The Germans circulated reprints of old pictures of Sepoys being blown from guns in the Indian mutiny as proof of British cruelty to Turkish prisoners of war. This was a game like that of forging copies of reputable Italian papers, filled full of sensational lies, and having these distributed through the Italian army on the Isonzo by traitors and spies. The Hun is a genius in his and Mephistopheles' way.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
The fuel controllers hasten to the relief of the people with promises, but these don't give much heat.

If the Borden Government is counting on the benefit of a 90 per cent vote from overseas, it is doomed.

There may be crooked tricks which the Borden party is not using now, but they have not been discovered.

After having cancelled his speaking tour, Sir Robert Borden decided, like Patti, to put on another farewell tour. There's a reason.

When the military authorities going to send off the W. O. R. draft which has been waiting removal orders so long? Is it to be before or after December 17?

Asquith has dashed the hopes of pacifists who thought he was inclining their way. As the author of "We shall not sheathe the sword," etc., he could not do otherwise than advocate complete victory.

Ballots provided for soldiers offer five ways of voting. No more need be said to point out what delightful opportunities are offered for spoiling ballots, especially when the returning officers do not approve of their intent.

The Life of Sir Wilfrid Laurier---5

A Series of Articles Taken From Professor Skelton's Latest Book "The Day of Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

British preference, improved railway policy, vigorous advertising and immigration methods, these were only a few of the necessary steps to prosperity for the leader of the opposition. As a Roman Catholic he sympathized with the religious school. But Laurier had always been a zealous champion of provincial rights of harmony and conciliation, of the Liberal idea. He had earlier braved the wrath of Quebec and Ontario in her boundary dispute with Manitoba and the Dominion Government. (p. 67-8). "The Conservative party was pandering to religious prejudices in both provinces, with a rigid Protestant face turning towards the west and devout Catholics face turning towards the east; it had at the same time proclaimed the right of disloyalty to the province of Quebec." (p. 118). Laurier "took in Ontario and Quebec alike, the firm, moderate position he had taken in the House of Commons."

"He believed that the constitutional rights of the Catholics of Quebec and that the Dominion Government had the constitutional power to set up a most disastrous and close grip on fact. He saw clearly that any attempt by the Dominion to set up a system of protection which would have to be operated by a sullen and hostile province, was doomed to failure. (p. 119). The great Liberal chief's damning charge against the Borden Government, the Nationalist element in the Conservative party, must have been particularly annoying to the Liberal papers and yet makes no mention of the Liberal leader's speech, with meagre editorial reference. Perhaps, though, his speech through the crush of full-page war election advertisements, and necessary "solid" stories, has not been able to devote to its erstwhile champion or his views.

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TO LAURIER

(Maligned and Misrepresented by the Unionist Press.)

Like Galahad and Bayard, pure and brave,
Thou standest in the line to challenge those
Who in their warfare act as dastard foes,
And leave the world no better when the grave
Ope to receive them. Thou, indeed, dost crave
No quarter from such miscreants, whose blows
Fall harmless as the petals of the rose,
Or of the lily cradled on the wave.
O true apostle of democracy!
Thy country deeply yearns for thee again
To mould its polity as thou didst when
Thou wert its leader, for then, verily,
Sweet concord reigned within our spacious realm,
Hence come, wise pilot, and resume the helm.
O. McCULLOUGH,
Brantford, Ont.

self and that interne?" asked the superintendent. "What did he say to you?" "He called me a ward heeler," replied the Hospital Doctor.

One fact a wise man knoweth,
Go to heck, and be timely tip;
Whatever a man seeth,
That also shall he rip.

No Flowers.
(Belvidere Republican.)
Notice: Those that are behind in rent and interest, please call and settle before December 1, as I expect to spend the winter in a warmer climate.
Frank King.

Lambos object to business days,
Police object to business days,
Crooks object to business days,
Restaurant object to business days,
Hotelmen object to business days,
Butch object to business days,
Landlady object to business days,
Candy men object to business days,
Bakers object to business days,
Ladies object to business days,
Germans object to business days,
Russians object to business days,
Strap hangers object to business days.
—D. R. J.

Our Joe Miller Contest.
Duke Disque claims that the oldest joke is the one about the Irishman who was let to work several mornings, and who decided to get an alarm clock so he would get up on time. He bought the clock, and the foreman said, "You are fired." "Fired," said Pat. "Why, I'm afraid of this time morning," said the foreman, "I'm afraid of this time morning." "But where were you Thursday and Friday?"

Names is Names.
C. A. Ashburner is city manager of Springfield, Ohio.

Our Daily Special.
A big head usually comes from a lack of brain.

LUKE MCLUKE SAYS.
The man who is always broke is lucky in one respect. He doesn't have to stammer and fake up a lie when some other man wants to make a touch.

The women do not have any more troubles than the men. You get the impression that they have because it takes the women so much longer to get their hair done than it does the men's.

Isn't it funny how easily a woman knows more about business than a man? As soon as a man believes he has a sufficient number of friends he gets a yen to run for office and use them.

When a man is feeling like a two-year-old and his wife is letting him alone, he isn't happy until he celebrates his good health by eating and drinking too much and gets his system all out of whack again.

There may be a few exceptions, but the average man's idea of a waste of time is to play cards with his wife. After all, the easiest way to make money in this life is to pretend to show others how to make it.

Another pest is the man who, when introduced to you, says "I broke your fingers when he shakes hands because he wants to show you how strong."

AN ELECTOR.

ICE-BREAKERS CLEAR RIVER FOR STEAMERS

DETROIT, Dec. 12.—With the channels above and below Detroit opened by the ice-breakers, the movement of downbound freighters was resumed this afternoon.

The steamers Michigan and Pleasure of Detroit and the Windsor Ferry Company today cleared the St. Clair flats, Canada, across Lake St. Clair. The canal is filled with ice and it is necessary to take each ship through separately.

After getting the fleet through, the Britannia broke a channel through 3-inch ice across Lake St. Clair, bringing down the ice-breakers, and the remainder for the night.

The ice barrier below Port Huron was broken by the car ferries. Transfer to Detroit, and the tug Lutz, Hardin, Gilman and Pathfinder, the motor launch channel open for the 23 downbound steamers that were waiting at the flats. The ice barrier below Port Huron is still in the ice below the mouth of the St. Clair River, and it is necessary to leave Thursday with the lighter New-mans to assist the coal-burner steamers, and to clear Sunday on Mill Reef, east of Pelee Island.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

THE RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, DIABETES, BACKACHE, GRAVEL, GOUT, URIC ACID, AND ALL THE PAINFUL AFFECTIONS OF THE URINARY SYSTEM.

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