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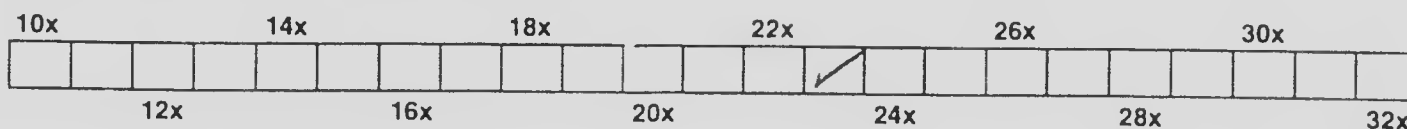
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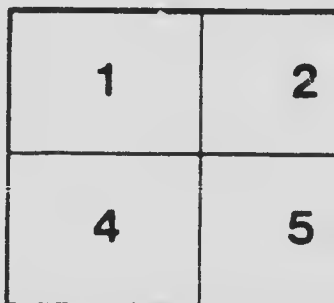
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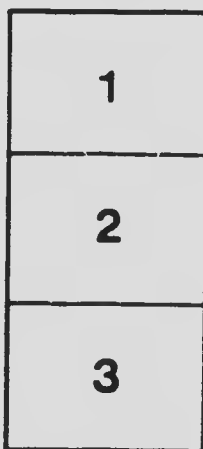
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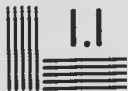
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From the very outset of the war the Liberal press, even in the face of such an Empire crisis, has been unable to conceal its bitter partisanship.

Realizing what a disastrous mistake the Liberal party made in blocking the Borden Naval Aid Bill in 1912, the Grit press has persistently endeavoured to convince its readers that the Emergency that so suddenly materialized was not the Emergency Sir Robert Borden foresaw years ago and predicted with such startling truthfulness.

In opposing and finally blocking the Borden Naval Aid Bill, the Liberal party now realizes it committed an act which is likely to keep it in Opposition for many years to come. The party press knows this very well and the reading public cannot be deceived by its efforts to discount the credit which is due to Sir Robert Borden.

What Sir Robert Borden said

On March 29th, 1901, Sir Robert, then leader of the Opposition, made the following statement in the House of Commons:—

“The day might come—I do not say that it will come—the day might come; it might come to-morrow, it might come next week, it might come next month, when the only thing we could do in the absence of preparation in this country would be to make some kind of contribution.”

Again on January 12th, 1910, when still leader of the Opposition, Sir Robert Borden spoke as follows in the House of Commons:—

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follows in the House of Commons:—

“The speediest organization would not make our Canadian naval service effective in less than ten years. Probably fifteen or twenty years would be required: and the crisis, if a crisis is to be apprehended, will come within five and probably within three years.”

Then on December 5th Sir Robert, then Prime Minister, in introducing his Naval Aid Bill providing for immediate aid to the British Navy in the form of three Canadian dreadnoughts, uttered the following words which in the course of recent events seem like words of prophecy:—

“The Empire will never undertake any war of aggression and all the influences of Canada will assuredly be arrayed against any such course; but we know that war has come many times within the past fifty years without warning like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, and thereby the power, the influence, and the destiny of more than one nation have been profoundly affected. A Naval war especially may come with startling suddenness, for these tremendous engines of war are always ready and prepared for battle.

“But to-day, while the clouds are heavy and we hear the booming of the distant thunder and see the lightning flashes above the horizon, we cannot and we will not wait and deliberate until any impending storm shall have burst upon us in fury and with disaster. Almost unaided the Motherland, not for herself alone, but for us as well, is sustaining the burden of vital Imperial duty, and confronting an over-mastering necessity of national existence. Bringing the best assistance that we may in the urgency of the moment, we come thus to her aid, in token of our determination to protect and ensure the safety and integrity of this Empire, and of our resolve to defend on sea, as well as on land, our flag, our honour, and our heritage.”

The efforts of the Liberal press to distort and discount such remarkable statements is nothing but partisanship gone mad.

It would be better for the Liberal press in the interests of its own bankrupt party to

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The "Emergency" Sir Robert Borden warned them to help prepare to meet



