

Which? Put Yourself for a Moment in the Place of the Kaiser. Which Would You Regard as the More Favorable to Hohenzollern Success--the Manifesto of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, or that of the Union Government of Canada?

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## 35,000 CANADIAN'S IN ENGLAND AND FRANCE FOR REINFORCEMENTS

### Major General Mewburn Gives Official Statement of Men Available for Reinforcements, Also of Wastage and Enlistments.

OTTAWA, November 30.—Major General Mewburn has given out the following statement in regard to the need for infantry reinforcements: "Owing to unintentional nature of figures, by various speakers and others, and the confusion resulting in the public mind therefrom, it is considered desirable to make a definite official statement as to the present available reinforcements overseas. "The present urgent need is for infantry reinforcements, and the question should not be clouded by consideration of the number of men available in other necessary arms and branches. "There are not more than 35,000 troops in England and France available for infantry reinforcements. This number is made up as follows: Immediately available for infantry reinforcements, 22,000; available by April 1918 (now in training or convalescing) estimated at 13,000. "Total infantry reinforcements, 35,000. "Other troops in England include artillery, cavalry, engineers, machine gunners, army service corps, army

medical corps and cyclists, also railway construction and forestry troops. "The remaining troops in England are those in categories "B", "C", "D" and "E", who are employed on administrative and non-combatant duties, etc., and are not fit for infantry reinforcements. "With normal wastage, it was considered that 35,000 troops available as reinforcements might have been sufficient up to April, 1918, but the heavy casualties at Passchendaele, have made another big inroad on the available reinforcements. "The following figures show the urgent need for infantry reinforcements: August enlistments, 1,084; wastage, 10,931. September enlistments, 1,232; wastage, 8,050. October enlistments, 1,750; wastage, 3,648. November enlistments, 896; wastage, 8,498. Enlistments (all arms); August enlistments, 3,117; wastage—13,222. September enlistments, 3,583; wastage, 10,990. October enlistments, 4,884; wastage, 5,923. November first to fifteenth, enlistments, 2,061; wastage, 11,211.

## KIDNAPPED CHILD IS RECOVERED

QUEBEC, Nov. 30.—How four years old Marie Antoinette Deslaurier adopted by Mr. O. Parent, this city, was kidnapped and found after many weeks of searching by private detectives and the provincial police came to light when the child, under charge of a police matron, was secured here to her parents. According to what was told the Canadian Press by Mr. Parent, the child was given him to guard and keep by the mother. Her husband was away and the poor, sick woman asked Parent to raise the child as his own. Mr. Parent asks her to keep under his care and conduct the little tot. The child was located at her grandmother's in Montreal, where her father had taken her last October, after telling Mr. Parent that he was taking her to the dying mother's bedside.

## HORSE RACING IN ENGLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The latest English exchanges contain the information that the government has again taken a slap at horse racing, ordering all winter fixtures cancelled. The move, which is coming in for some severe criticism at the hands of the public, affects for only the steep-leaching sport, for only a couple of meets remain on the flat racing schedule. Acting for the government, Sir Albert Stanley informed the stewards of the National Hunt Committee that it was found to be "impossible to facilitate any meetings during the winter months." That the policy is unpopular among breeders of young stock and a big majority of the sporting public is a certainty. The latter class especially are loud in their denunciation of the policy, which robs them of a day of recreation at least once a

## LADY WILLIAM MACKENZIE.

TORONTO, Dec. 1.—Lady MacKenzie, wife of Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, died at 10 o'clock Friday morning at her residence. She was the daughter of John Darry and was born in the vicinity of Kirkfield, Ont.

## POOLING OF BRITISH AND U. S. SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Pooling of all American and Allied ships plying out of Atlantic and Gulf ports is planned. The shipping board, it was learned tonight, is working out a program in connection with the pooling of the Eastern Railways, the primary purpose being to relieve freight congestion at ports.

## MAJOR GENERAL BYNG PROUD OF CANADIANS

OTTAWA, November 30.—Major General S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia and Defence, sent the following cable to General Sir Julien Byng, in connection with the recent victory: "On behalf of the Canadian militia and forces now training in Canada for service overseas, I heartily congratulate you and express unbounded admiration for the gallant behavior of the soldiers of the Mother Country, and we rejoice in the thought that they were led to victory by a former commander of the Canadian Corps." The following reply has been received from General Byng. "Warmly appreciate your telegram. I shall always recall with pride my time with the Canadian Corps, whose deeds have earned the admiration of the world."

## WANT PEOPLE TO EAT 54,000,000 EGGS

VANCOUVER, Dec. 1.—The Province today has the following: "Local wholesale dealers carrying stocks of storage eggs have received a telegram from an official of the Food Controller's office requesting co-operation in supplying a fund to start an advertisement campaign throughout Canada to induce domestic consumers to buy the surplus stock of storage eggs which were purchased largely by eastern firms for export to Great Britain. "These eggs cannot now be shipped out on account of lack of tonnage. The telegram says the non-exportables amount to 150,000 cases, which equals 4,500,000 dozen or 54,000,000 eggs. It appears from the communication that eastern houses have tentatively agreed to put up \$10,000 for this fund on the understanding that the Food Controller's office or the Department of Agriculture will put up dollar for dollar with the egg owners. "The telegram further states in effect that unless some such action is taken it is feared that there will be a loss to those egg owners if an attempt is made to unload the stocks on the Canadian markets. It is suggested that the greater consumption of eggs will ease the demand for other foodstuffs needed for the overseas service. "The Vancouver dealers were asked if they would contribute to the advertising fund at the rate of five cents for every case of eggs held by them in cold storage. At an informal conference yesterday the matter was discussed by the trade here, and was taken: "In discussing the matter today, dealers stated that holdings of stored eggs are not causing any worry, it being generally figured that the storage market here will go to a clean-up before the 'fish' season begins in March."

## JUMPED FROM SPEEDING TRAIN

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Lieutenant Patrick O'Brien, of Moinence, Illinois the first American member of the British Flying Corps to escape from Germany, has arrived in London. O'Brien eluded his captors by jumping from the window of a speeding train, he then became a fugitive for seventy-two days, and as his goal was with in sight narrowly escape electrocution from the charges of live wires on his way to Holland.

## \$12,000 A YEAR "PIN MONEY"

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—Twelve thousand dollars a year "pin money" for the wife of the president of the United States, or the "first lady of the land" is provided from a fund of the estate of Henry J. Freeman, Jr., a wealthy lawyer, who died here recently. The estate is valued at \$2,000,000 and upward. "The reason I make this fund," he explains, "is because I feel the president of the United States receives such a miserable pittance for a man holding the greatest position on earth."

## THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 2.20 and tomorrow at 2.59; it will be high tomorrow morning at 1.27 and Wednesday at 2.11. The sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4.39; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.37 and Wednesday at 7.33. The moon rises tonight at 9.36. There was a full moon on Wednesday, Nov. 28th at 1.41 p. m. The last quarter of the moon will be on Thursday, Dec. 6th at 9.14 a. m. The length of today will be nine hours and three minutes.

## OWING TO WIRE TROUBLE THERE WERE NO TELEGRAMS LAST NIGHT.

## P. E. I. HEAVY BATTERY SUBSCRIBES \$8,000 TO VICTORY LOAN

(Canadian Press Despatch) HALIFAX, Dec. 1.—The P. E. I. Heavy Battery stationed at Halifax have subscribed the handsome sum of \$8,000 to the Victory Loan. This detachment's strength is one hundred officers, N.C.O.'s and men. Captain J. A. S. Bayer, Charlottetown, is the officer commanding.

## BIG CONFERENCE TO OPEN IN PARIS

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The inter-allied conference will be opened at ten o'clock tomorrow morning with Premier Clemenceau presiding. The premier will make a brief speech of welcome after which the delegates will at once begin work. "During the beginning consideration of the programme submitted for examination the delegates will decide upon the order of their deliberation and the apportionment of questions for discussion by various technical committees. The conference is called upon above all to dispose of concrete problems such as food supplies, and the blockade, upon which specialists among the delegates will compare opinions.

## A STATE RESTAURANT

CARLISLE, England, Dec. 1.—England's first state restaurant has just been opened by the Liquor Control Board. The menu for an eighteen pence lunch was lentil or chicken soup, roast lamb or steamed mince pudding or prunes and rice, biscuits and cheese, tea or coffee. A half-crown dinner at night consists of five courses.

## THE TRENCHES FOR THIS YOUNG FORGER

MONTREAL, Dec. 1.—One young man killed his chance at an exemption tribunal here today by having substituted the word "sole" for "main," written in his application by the parish priest, making it read "sole support of his father." His forgery was clumsy and easily detected. He was given a choice between arrest and the trenches. He chose the latter.

## NO ALIENS WITHIN 100 YARDS OF WATER FRONT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—When the federal order barring enemy aliens from living within a hundred yards of New York's waterfront went into effect today, it was found that there were only a few families who had not heeded President Wilson's warning. Some of the business houses had been given a few days extension to find new quarters. More than 5,000 Germans moved from their lodgings yesterday.

## HALF A MILLION WERE MASSACRED.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Half a million members of the Kirgiz tribes were massacred by agents of the Russian emperor in 1916, according to a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian who has been travelling in Central Russia. This was punishment for a rebellion against military service by the Central Asian Moslems. Two million Nomanids, who have gradually been forced eastward by the acquisition of the grazing lands by the emperor's ministers and others, who killed the lands with Ukrainian peasants, took part in the rebellion. Civil war is still proceeding between Nomanids and the Russian peasants, according to the correspondent.

## COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

\*Come to the bean supper and entertainment in Sea View Hall on Monday evening, December 3rd at 7 o'clock. Admission 15 and 25 cts. Part of proceeds in aid of Red Cross.

## CANADA MUST GO EASY ON COAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Necessity for the practice of the strictest economy in the use of coal in Canada is emphasized in the communication forwarded to the Dominion fuel controller by the fuel administration here today. Calling attention to the fact that the most intensive kind of a coal conservation movement is underway in this country, the fuel administration asked Canada to adopt a similar method to safeguard its supply, which is derived chiefly from the United States.

## YOUNG FISH FOR THE HATCHERIES OF CANADA

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—Figures issued by the naval departments today show that the large number of 1,490,671,107 fish were distributed from the Dominion fish hatcheries during 1917. White fish were distributed in very large number by the hatcheries, a total of 497,332,000 having gone to restock the Canadian waters. More than six hundred million lobsters were distributed and 180,000,000 pickerel.

## "IF THE PEOPLE OF CANADA KNEW"

LONDON, November 30.—General Mewburn, the Minister of Militia for Canada, having cabled that he had no time for electioneering, because he felt his supreme duty was getting twenty thousand men overseas, General Turner, V. C. commander of the Canadian forces in England, has replied: "I cannot express to you the deep appreciation of all ranks overseas for your statement, that you are working day and night to secure us twenty thousand reinforcements beginning this year. We know only too well over here that the fifth division will indeed be wiped off the slate in order to reinforce the divisions in France, if large drafts are not immediately forthcoming. We, who are close to the fighting zone, know only too well the bitter struggle which the Canadian divisions are making to maintain their position. If the people of Canada would only realize that in order to maintain our division at full strength, men who have been wounded have been rushed back as soon as they are fit, without the leave or rest to which they are entitled, I believe there is who would not stand heart and soul behind you in your endeavors. Sir Robert Borden has given his pledge that he will not betray us, and we know we may rely on him to the utmost. We are relying, too, on the honor of our countrymen in Canada, to be true to themselves and to us, in this great crisis."

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## SIR WILFRID'S OTTAWA EFFORT

### Review and Criticism of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Effort at Ottawa.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a great but unsuccessful effort at Ottawa to justify his present unpopular policy. Sir Wilfrid is still our greatest orator, there is none can surpass him in choice diction and apt illustration, nor in the use of words to convey the double entendre. Had Sir Wilfrid seen it his duty to devote his great oratorical powers to the furtherance of the cause of Canada and the Empire and the smashing of the Hun, what a mighty influence for good he would have been! Now, alas! his appeals are not to go forward in unity, strength and might, but that all the disaffected, dissatisfied should rally to his banner and place Canada in the same category as Russia—a quitter and deserter, of the boys at the front, the Mother Country and our valiant allies.

### "SOME REASON OR ANOTHER"

Sir Wilfrid is an honorary member of the Canadian Club of Ottawa. He has been for years. He has frequently attended its luncheons, and spoken thereat. More, he has attended the meetings of Canadian Clubs in other cities. No one knows better than Sir Wilfrid that the Canadian Clubs know no politics, no creed, no race. He knows the membership of the Canadian Clubs of Canada to be of the very highest type of Canadian manhood. In other words, Sir Wilfrid has an intimate acquaintance with the Canadian Clubs of Canada.

In February, 1917, the Canadian Club of Hamilton, began a special campaign for recruits for the Canadian armies overseas. It authorized its officers to write to prominent Canadians asking for assistance, among them, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. "We realize that a brief appeal over your signature," they wrote, "will be of the greatest value to us." Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied on February 26th, 1917—before transcription had been proposed in Canada, he remembered—saying: "I am sorry I cannot send you at once an affirmative answer. I will look into the matter, but will keep it under advisement."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier found it necessary last night to make reference to this matter. A verbatim report quotes him as follows:

"Some time in the month of February, 1917, I received a communication from the Canadian Club of Hamilton, asking me for a letter of endorsement of their campaign of recruiting. The gentleman who signed the letter was unknown to me. The gentlemen who composed the organization were also unknown to me.

"I received letters asking for endorsement of many subjects and it is a long established practice of mine, whether the claimant is a Liberal or Tory, not to endorse anything unless I know the parties who address the communication. I did not know these gentlemen, although I presume they were reputable men. The object, at all events, which they had in view was perfectly satisfactory to me, but I wanted to know more of what they were before I gave them a definite answer. And therefore I asked to be excused for the moment and I asked for some delay. Then for some reason or other I may probably have overlooked the matter."

The excuse may be allowed to stand. It provides its own commentary on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's bona fides, and on the accuracy of Sir Wilfrid's asseverations that no man in the belligerent countries has done more to help win the war than he has.

Sir Wilfrid undoubtedly overlooked the appeal of the Hamilton Canadian Club "for some reason or another," but it requires considerable credulity to believe that the reason he gives was the real one.

### A MISERABLE EXCUSE

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not even adroit when he seeks to justify pro-German rufianism in Kitchener and racial tyranny in Montreal by the excuse that it is no worse than what he is pleased to term the "gap" in Parliament. Closure exists in practically every free Parliament of the world. It is not applied unless and until there has been very ample discussion of a subject in all its phases; it is not designed to interfere with free speech; it is merely to prevent obstruction of a free parliament's will.

By what mental process does Sir Wilfrid compare this necessary instrument of parliamentary procedure with the tactics of pro-Prussian and anti-British traitors who, by brute force, seek to stifle the right of free expression of conscience?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has had the reputation of being a bonnie fighter and a chivalrous gentleman. He does not help that reputation, he does not suggest the knightly warrior of the white plume by refusing manly, unqualified condemnation of the un-British tactics applied to his opponents. And, incidentally, let it be kept in mind that, so far as Sir Wilfrid is concerned, so far, at any rate as his speech last night was concerned, pro-Germanism in Kitchener and racial tyranny in Quebec still stand with the tacit sanction of Laurier.

The methods in Kitchener and Montreal to absolutely prevent members of the Union Government from making any explanation at all of the policies of that government have been devised and carried out systematically for the benefit of the Laurier party. They are not spontaneous expressions of the mobs. They are thoroughly organized efforts requiring money and machinery. The source of that money and the inspiration of the machine are open to the gravest suspicion and Sir Wilfrid Laurier cannot evade serious responsibility.

### LAURIER'S HELP IN THE WAR

Sir Wilfrid Laurier made the astounding statement last night that there was not a man in the belligerent countries who had done more to help his country win the war than he had. It is astounding because all Canadians know what he has done.

He gave a recital of what he had done, and it was composed of a list of speeches he had delivered on recruiting. These speeches were nearly all made in 1915, when Canada was responding enthusiastically to the call upon her. In 1916 and 1917, when influence was needed, when recruiting was slow and difficult, he was at best little more than an onlooker. What Canadian leader could have done less?

But, of those speeches delivered in Quebec in 1915 there is something to be said. It wasn't said at the time, because, on the face of it, Sir Wilfrid Laurier was to some extent helping. It may and should be said now, when he is attempting to block Canada's will to carry on the

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## VICTORY LOAN

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