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## ELECTION TO-DAY

This is election day and present indications are that there will be close contests all along the line. Citizens are taking a healthy, though perhaps unusually quiet, interest and so far as we have been able to learn no human devices have been threatened or promised to sway the free will of the people. Good men have been nominated, men with whom the electors are pretty well acquainted and it is safe to guess that from the men nominated a good clean and capable government will be selected. There are no real issues at stake except good economic and careful management and all the candidates have pledged themselves to this. On the faith of the people in the pledges given and on the probability of the candidates fulfilling them the outcome rests and may the best men win. The only advice that needs to be given under the circumstances is to vote early and as often as the law will allow.

The polls will open at 9 o'clock and the result will be known within an hour or two when the victors will be handed the usual bouquets.

## RUBBERS FOR SOLDIERS

A move has been made to provide the men of the 105th Regiment with rubber boots. The three daily newspapers of the city have been asked, and have gladly consented, to give the matter publicity and Mr. F. W. Hyndman has consented to act as honorary Treasurer. We have no doubt that the public, always generous when aid to a worthy cause is solicited, will respond as gladly and promptly.

We are already in the midst of the wet slushy season when ordinary leather boots, such as the soldiers are provided with, are not sufficient to keep the feet dry and comfortable, and it is impossible to maintain the health of the boys if they are obliged to tramp around day after day with wet feet, and often to don their damp socks and wet boots in the morning. The only preventive in sight for this condition of things is a pair of good strong rubber boots for each and several have already expressed their willingness to subscribe to a fund for the purpose. There are now nearly a thousand men in the regiment and before the beginning of March it is expected to be at full strength. The boots will cost about four dollars a pair so that a fund of between \$4,000 and \$4,500 will be needed.

Those among us who are comfortably circumstanced, comfortably housed and clothed and whose children are carefully guarded against colds and discomforts owe this to the men who have undertaken to do our work under discomforts and exposures that we know nothing of. We owe it to ourselves to do it for them; unless they are in good health they cannot do the work they have undertaken to do, cannot be the pride of the Province that we hope them to be; nor can we be the pride to them that we ought to be if through any neglect or any holding back on our part they should suffer from illness which we might have prevented. Moreover it would be a lasting disgrace to us and unpardonable—if through our penny one of them should lose his life or even become incapacitated. The campaign for the raising of this fund is now open. It will be a whirlwind one and should end in a few days. Contributions should be sent at once to the honorary Treasurer, Mr. F. W. Hyndman, Charlottetown and the contributions will be duly acknowledged. He gives twice who gives promptly and it is hoped that everyone will contribute as their means will allow, and at once.

## HELPING GERMANY

Mr Norman Angell, the author of "The Great Illusion," has produced another book, this time in the United States, and it is hoped that his new venture will not result in as much injury to his adopted country as his first great literary effort did to the British Empire. We have not read his latest effort, but from a review of it in the Detroit Times we judge that if it is read as widely as his first it will be of immense value to Germany and of corresponding danger to the United States.

The Detroit Times, pointing out the desirability of national impotency, urges everybody to read the book, "The World's Highway," and "feels certain" that President Wilson would not urge a real army and navy if he had read this remarkable book. Further, it is convinced that the United States will not prepare for war if most of the citizens read the book.

Many good men in Great Britain read "The Great Illusion," and believed in it, believed that unpreparedness for war was the best preventive of war. Fortunately for the British Empire and for civilisation there were a few who did not believe as Mr Angell did and through their efforts the British navy was kept up to strength. To these few who did not believe

as Mr Angell did, the British Empire to-day owes its existence. If Mr Angell and the pacifists who believed as he did had had their way the British Empire would to-day be at the mercy of the Germans. As it was, the pacifists succeeded in keeping the British army in a state of weakness which has cost the Empire many thousands of lives who might have been saved had Mr Angell and the pacifists reckoned with things as they are, not as sentimentalists think they ought to be. Angell's pacificism would have worked admirably had the world been a well conducted Sunday School, but it is not. He did not reckon with Germany, which, while doubtless aiding in the circulation of the Angell theories in England, was secretly preparing for war. The British pacifists, who based their arguments in favour of national unpreparedness largely upon Mr Angell's Great Illusion, kept the British army at the minimum of efficiency. In this they were aided by German spies, who promulgated the Angell doctrines. War came, as Germany intended it should come, and Britain has paid and is paying still for the folly of Angell's disciples. And what of Mr Angell? "The Great Illusion" and Mr Angell's reputation being outlawed by events, he shook the dust of London off his shoes. He is now in the United States, where the Kaiser has work for him to do. His new book, "The World's Highway," according to the review in the Detroit Times, "contains his favourite sophistries, polished in a new way with the embarrassing part slurred over." Opposition to preparedness for war by the United States is its aim. Mr Angell is worth a good sized army to the Kaiser. He can weaken the force of every country but Germany, where the national policy is not directed by the susceptible public mind.

Says a contemporary, Norman Angell ought to be interned whenever he is found in a country at which the Kaiser may one day launch his attack or where patriotism is not out of fashion. The men, women and children of the United States may yet pay a heavy price for his activities, as the British people can thank him for much of their suffering to-day. He is not an advocate of peace, and it is only because there is a certain leaven of common sense in every nation he fastens himself on that he is an advocate of long wars rather than of German domination without a struggle.

## MILITARY SERVICE

The new Military Service Act, which goes into force tomorrow in the United Kingdom, will enable the Government to make its selections among the men of military age. By its provisions will be reached those who were not attested under Lord Derby's scheme. In fact, the country may be fine-combed for soldiers if necessary. There are to be exemptions, of course, for a time at any rate. Men with wives or children or others dependant on their support need not undertake service. Those engaged in work of national importance, those physically unfit, and members of religious sects who have conscientious objections to taking life, are all exempted.

The vote in Parliament probably represents very well the opinion of the people on the matter of compulsory service. The majority was overwhelmingly in favor of the measure. The citizens have come to realize that the full national strength must be exerted in the war, and that the best way to do this is to replace voluntarism with conscription. So there has been no opposition of great importance to the Military Service Bill, and the act has been signed by the King.

## EVOLUTION OF THE SENATE

The announcement in our Ottawa correspondence yesterday that the Senate is now domiciled in the large room in the Victoria Memorial Museum "previously occupied by invertebrate fossils," carries with it a ray of hope for that venerable body. To those who heretofore delighted in dubbing the Senators "venerable fossils" it may come as a revelation to learn that in the process of evolution perceptible in the last few years the survivors have actually displaced the invertebrate.

Let us hope that this stage in the evolution of the Senate presages an era of live vertebrate representatives of the people and that the fossil age is gone forever.

Even so distinguished a body as the Canadian Senate is not impervious to the eternal law of the survival of the fittest and fitness in this age of the world's history implies a well developed vertebra.

## WHAT FIGURES PROVE

How figures may be made to prove the thing we want to prove is peculiarly indicated in the following, which is about as "remarkable" as most of the "prophecies" with which we have become acquainted of late in proof of the Kaiser's foredoomed and prophesied destruction:

The Patriotic Fund collections were closed in the three cities, Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa on a day which happened to be the anniversary of the Kaiser's birthday. The leading team in Montreal was number 19. The leading team in Ottawa was also number 19. The Toronto teams were named instead of being numbered. The letters in the names of the leaders, G. H. Wood and Thomas Findlay, number 19. Three times 19 is 57, which was the age of the Kaiser on the closing day of the campaign. Things look bad for the Kaiser!

## NOTES

No less than 170 persons were killed last year while trespassing on Canadian railways. Trespassers often complain vigorously when warned from the tracks, but the annual death list is visible testimony to the wisdom of the regulations. People have to be protected from their own foolhardiness.

## APPEAL TO ROADMASTERS

Sir,—I see by the papers that school teachers, postmasters and newsboys out of their small earnings are giving for the different patriotic funds. Roadmasters were called on some time ago to subscribe to and collect for a Machine Gun Fund but before it was rightly started intimation was made that money was not required for this purpose. Now that the demands for the different funds are more pressing every day and will continue to be so as long as the war lasts, and we have boys in the trenches crying for comforts of one kind or another, I think another appeal to the roadmasters should be made. From time to time we see appeals in the letters of island boys for tobacco, and although I do not use tobacco myself "somebody's boy" does and he is fighting for us at a place where he cannot get tobacco unless we send it. Is it not our duty to do all we can to make these boys as comfortable and contented as circumstances will permit? I propose that the roadmasters should send \$2.00 out of their salary at once to Mr. F. W. Hyndman, Manager of the Royal Bank, Charlottetown, one half to go to a tobacco fund and the other to the Soldiers Comforts Fund. Surely there is not one of us but will give this sum. I would go further and propose that one and all of us give one dollar every three months till the war is over. Let there not be any slackers among us. In proposing this I refer to Mr. Andrew Mooney, Roadmaster, and Mr. Sewell Robertson, Roadmaster; they both said "By all means, yes, go ahead," and handed me their \$2.00 each which I give with my own to start the fund.

I am, Sir, etc.,  
J. W. BRUCE.  
Rd. Point,  
Lot 4 East Baltic.  
Patriot and Examined please copy.  
\$6. enclosed sent to Mr. F. W. Hyndman, Royal Bank—Edt.

## Islanders Get Their Mail In Lots

The enclosed letter was received by Mrs. J. H. Bryant of Enmore from her son Corporal James Bryant, Strathcona Horse, now Somewhere in Flanders:

Somewhere in Flanders  
Jan. 15, 1916  
Dear Mother:—I have just received a bunch of mail. I guess all my letters that have been chasing me up for two months. One of yours dated Nov. 18th, I guess it was the first one you ever written, and I will try and answer the questions.

About our trip across there isn't much to write as it was very quiet. We left Sewell Camp on Wednesday the 1st of Sept. there were about fifty of us (Strathconas) as reinforcements for our regiment, which was pretty badly cut up at Festubert and there were also drafts from the 4th and 53rd Battalions on our train. We had a very nice trip down to Montreal. At every stop the people from the towns vied with each other in supplying us with fruit and reading matter.

We reached Montreal about 9.30 on Saturday and immediately went to the R. M. S. Missanabie, which before the war was a C. P. R. liner. On the following morning, Sunday, we sailed and it is a nice sight steaming slowly down the old St. Lawrence.

We had an escort for the first two days, a low grey torpedo boat, but at the end of the second day, she turned and steamed back, signalling and wishing us bon voyage. We had been joined by other units at Montreal from Fort William and further east, so that there were about fifteen hundred on board.

Very few vessels were sighted on our way across, in fact every one would rush to the rail, if smoke was sighted for it soon gets monotonous. We passed the time doing physical drill and boat drill, but none of us were sorry when we sighted Eddy-stone Light on Tuesday morning, being about ten days on the way. We came into Plymouth harbor in the forenoon and there certainly are some picturesque old forts and towers, and buildings around the harbor as well as some historic old vessels at anchor.

Well we entrained about six o'clock that night and arrived at Shorncliffe next morning. We were still trained as cavalry although our regiment were on foot in the trenches but now we are foot slogging in Flanders, but we are getting our horses next week. So I guess we can stand it that long. I have come back to camp from taking a bombing course and find eight let-

## DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louisa.

## ARE WE BETTER THAN OUR CHOICES?

Our personal choices are reflections of the life within. They speak louder than our words, and we are measured accurately by them. A church shows its character in the type of pastor it selects. A Sunday school superintendent discloses his ideals in the kind of teachers he chooses. A church committee whose duty it was to discover a suitable pastor agreed that each member of the committee should set down in writing the qualification he deemed most essential in the new minister. There was a variety of suggestions in the result, but a notable uniformity in the "dominant desire." One man's paper read: "First, spirituality; second, spirituality; third, spirituality; and his opinion was acceptable to all. The heart of that church may safely be measured by its specifications concerning the desired leader. Whether we like to think it or not, our heart-life is disclosed by our daily choices, and if we need to know what we are, let us note the persons, the books, the things that we like and know best. We need not deceive ourselves by protesting that we are really different from our preferences.—S. S. Times.

ters waiting for me. So you see I will be busy till "lights out." I have everything I need at present and I am fine and dandy.  
Give my love to all and tell father I'll answer his letter right away.  
Your loving son,  
JIM

## Tension is Approaching Breaking Point

LONDON, February 7.—The tension between Roumania and the central powers appears to be approaching the breaking point, according to dispatches from Italy to Roumania, appearing in to-days morning newspapers. The Daily Chronicle's Marmoritz correspondent says Vienna and Berlin are adopting a threatening attitude toward Bucharest and that there has been a sudden concentration of men and guns on the Bulgarian side of the Danube, while the Russian troops are entrenched on the western frontier within fifty yards of the Austro-Hungarian lines.

## COL. HOUSE'S MISSION TO THE BELLIGERENTS

PARIS, February 7.—Georges Clemenceau, formerly French premier, commenting in his newspaper, L'Economie Enchaîné, on Col. House's mission, which he says, "seems to be characteristic of President Wilson's spirit of hesitation," writes:  
"Europe has suddenly seen a dumb missionary disembark on its shores for a tour of inspection among the combatants. He has passed everywhere appearing and disappearing by turns, like the firing Dutchman in the mists of the horizon. He has said nothing, his whole mission evidently being to observe. His task, I suppose is to report faithfully to the presidential candidate the conclusions he draws from personal observations as to the balance of force between the belligerents. I know nothing about Colonel House, but I know M. Clemenceau, "but the fact that he has been chosen for the investigation by the first magistrate of the American republic leads me to infer that he has at least the qualities of observation and good sense. This is enough to satisfy me as to the results of his investigation."

## COLD KILLED CATTLE.

RAYMOND, Alta., Feb. 7.—Sheep and cattlemen are becoming alarmed at the long-continued cold spell. The sheep and cattle are suffering. Cattle on the range are bleeding at the nose. Many sheep and cattle are dying.  
At Spring Coulee a yearling froze to death in a barn. If the weather does not break soon the loss in the south country will be serious.

## SOMETIME.

Sometime, when sun and stars have set,  
And every lesson has been learned  
We'll read the meaning of our tears  
From golden leaves by angels turned.

With clearer vision we'll behold  
The majesty of His intent,  
And groping minds that question now  
Will know His ways were provident.

Sometime, when all His wondrous plans,  
Like lilies, pure and white, unfold,  
We'll hear a story sweeter far  
Than human lips have ever told.

The mists of doubt will fade away,  
And chastened love that makes men free  
Will bow the world in faith like His  
That hallowed sad Gethsemane.

## PREPAREDNESS

In one of the Southern States the negroes are great patrons of a matrimonial agency. One negro, anxious to find a wife for his son, went to this agent, who handed him his list of lady clients. Running through this, the man came upon his own wife's name, entered as desirous of obtaining a husband between the ages of 28 and 35.  
Forgetting about his son, the darkey hurried home to announce his discovery to his wife. She was not at all disturbed.  
"Yes," she said, "I done give him my name. I puts it down when you was so sick in de winter and de doctor says we must prepare for de worst."

## HOW TO PRONOUNCE CLIVEDEN CORRECTLY.

When you speak of the Duchess of Connaught Hospital at Cliveden, do not pronounce "Cliveden" as though the "i" were like the "i" in pie.  
And do not pronounce it as though the "i" had really meant to be "e," as in tea.  
Just pronounce it with the short "i" as in live, and you will be right.  
How do we know?  
Well, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught should know, and that is their pronunciation. — Toronto News.

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