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THE COMING ELECTION

The Military Service bill having passed its second reading in the Senate it will no doubt become law before the end of the present week, and its enforcement may be looked for as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. This disposed of parliament will now be free to take up such legislation as may have to be dealt with during the session. It is expected that dissolution will take place some time in September, and immediately thereafter, probably in October, the general election will be held.

Much as an election at the present time and under present conditions is to be regretted, the die has been cast, the election has been thrust upon us and we must face it even amidst the distractions of war. That it will be a bitter contest, perhaps the bitterest in the history of Canada, may be expected. Our Liberal friends who have forced the contest, have done so deliberately and for a purpose, the purpose of winning the election, of getting hold of the reins of government. The war and all that it means to the boys on the battlefields, all that it means to freedom and to civilization will count for nothing to those who are now endeavoring to open the doors of office with "a bloody key."

Much as this is to be regretted it is up to those whose thoughts hitherto have been upon the war and upon those near and dear to them on the battlefields, to prepare for the election. The issue in the contest is clear and well defined. Under the leadership of Sir Robert Borden the country is pledged to continue the war to the last man and the last dollar, should that be necessary; in any case to permit of no slackening of effort and to put into immediate force the selective conscription act. With Sir Wilfrid Laurier as leader there will be no selective or other conscription, at least in Quebec. To the credit of many Liberal members in the House of Commons they have separated themselves from Sir Wilfrid's leadership and have united with Sir Robert Borden in his policy of continuing the war. Throughout the country there are the little partizan Liberals who see in the election a possible chance of getting back into office, and they are howling for an election and heaping abuse on the government. Between the two parties the Canadian voters will be asked to choose and Canada's future participation in the war will be determined at the polls.

We trust that the Liberal and Conservative friends of the win-the-war policy of Sir Robert Borden will at once see to it that their organization for the coming contest is complete. The rumor has gained currency here that Mr. Donald Nicholson, M.P., does not purpose contesting the election. We have Mr. Nicholson's authority for stating that this rumor is unfounded. As already agreed upon Mr. Nicholson and Mr. A. A. McLean will be the standard bearers of their party at the coming election, and they will have not only the united support of the Conservative party but, we feel assured, of every elector who wishes to see Canada remain in the war to the end. Many old-time Liberals who see in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's leadership the purpose of letting the slackers and the disloyal shirk their duty in the war, have definitely decided that they shall have no part or parcel in such a policy and will dissociate themselves from his leadership as far as the carrying on of the war is concerned. But elections, like battles, are to be won by hearty co-operation and organization and the time is now at hand for such if Canada is going to be true to herself in the first and only great struggle in which she has ever been engaged, a struggle out of which she is to emerge victorious or as a craven who has shirked his duty.

FOR THE HONOR OF CANADA

Overwhelmingly impressed by the seriousness of the information which came to him as the official head of the nation during his last visit to England and France, Sir Robert Borden has ever since had only one purpose in mind. That purpose has been to consolidate the nation behind him in giving the Canadian army adequate reinforcements in the shortest possible time. Having put forward the selective draft as the best means of attaining this patriotic end, he has sought, and still seeks, the co-operation of patriotic Liberals, grain growers and Labor men. His first offer was to

Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the recognized and salaried leader of the Opposition in Parliament. He went so far as to ask Sir Wilfrid to appoint one-half of the Ministers to be included in a new Union or War Cabinet.

The Opposition leader asked and secured time to consider this proposal, but it was soon obvious that he was only trifling with the situation. He never intended to come in, even though the Prime Minister undertook that no one should have a place in the new Cabinet who had not Sir Wilfrid's approval. After the Opposition leader's failure to measure up to the requirements of the situation, Sir Robert Borden made similar offers to the so-called War Liberals in the House of Commons. Though they constituted only a wing of their party, he proposed that they should appoint half of the new Cabinet. No more generous offer has ever been made in the history of Canadian politics. The difficulty of coming to terms with this group of Liberals was accentuated by their lack of a recognized leader or spokesman.

But the Prime Minister was not discouraged. He did not give up a project which he deemed essential to the welfare of the Canadian army and vital to the honor of the nation. He made overtures to prominent Liberals outside of Parliament and also to leading grain growers and Labor men. Powerful influences within the Liberal party are laboring to the same end and it may be that the desired Union Government will come partly as a result of this week's convention in Toronto and next week's convention in Winnipeg. Canada must get on with the war. Nothing else matters. That is why Sir Robert Borden is laboring so patiently for the constitution of a Win-the-War Administration representative of all the patriotic sections of the population. Individuals who throw obstacles in the way of that desirable consummation come near to being guilty of treason. Newspapers which conduct campaigns against the head of the nation at such a critical moment are just as bad.

LIBERAL THORNS

These anti-conscriptionist Liberals are thorns in the flesh. Whenever any good patriots talk about winning the war the thorns spring up and choke them. The Patriot in a "Communicated" article on Saturday, announced that "to every loyal citizen conscription of man power and now conscription of wealth are welcome, if belated, measures."

On the same page the Patriot chokes "Communicated" by quoting Sir Wilfrid Laurier as stating that not only did he not welcome conscription, but that he was absolutely opposed to compulsory service.

Thus "Communicated" must either turn down his leader, or according to his own argument, be counted, with Sir Wilfrid, among the disloyal citizens.

THE ONE ISSUE

As the outstanding exponent of free trade in Canada, Dr. Michael Clark has long been one of the most extreme, and at the same time one of the most eloquent Liberals in the Dominion. But he recognizes that in the shadow of the present world crisis there is no place for economic or other ancient party shibboleths. The fate of Canada and Great Britain and civilization are in the balance. The honor of the Canadian Army is in question. That army contains four of Dr. Clark's sons and he cannot find in his heart to desert them. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the anti-conscriptionist members of his party have abandoned the country's defenders. As the member for Red Deer says, the Opposition leader has stepped down from the wider walks of Imperial statesmanship into the narrower paths of Provincialism. He and those who are working with him all rest on one bosom—Bourassa's bosom. "The Nationalist tug is drawing Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Oliver and the whole lot of derelict timber into the harbor." The issue is clear. If Britain falls Canada also falls. Slay freedom in Britain and freedom also disappears in Canada. "Who lives if England dies, who dies if England lives?"

NOTES

Russia is furnishing the most stupendous drama since the French Revolution. To be a contemporary of its struggle toward freedom and stable self-government is a privilege. Somewhere today lives a young man who will write a great history of Russia's new birth, just as somewhere with the American forces is a young man who will be a President of the United States. When the gloom toward the Eastern battle front is thickest, try thinking of the privilege of living in this decade, sure to be the wonder of centuries to come.—U. S. Ex.

LONDON PAPERS COMMENT ON WAR

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—The morning newspapers to-day commemorate the conclusion of three years of war by long reviews of past events, taking stock of the present position and speculations of the future. They also print conspicuously messages from the King to Sovereigns and Presidents expressing the determination to pursue the war until the joint efforts are crowned with success. They publish others from members of the government and various leaders proclaiming the determination to fight to the end for the destruction of militarism and for the vindication of justice and freedom at all costs. Some are epigrammatic, for instance, that from Robert Cecil, which says, "The path to freedom lies through German lines." Sir Edward Carson, minister without portfolio, says: "The Germans unsheathed the sword, they must not be allowed to put it back unbroken." The editorials and reviews although firmly maintaining that victory for the Allied democracies is absolutely assured, that their strength is growing while that of the German allies is waning, recognize nevertheless that Germany remains militarily, economically, and politically strong and formidable and her downfall is hindered by the results of the Russian revolution. Against the unquestioned disastrous effect of the destruction of Russia's offensive power, with all its damaging consequences for her allies is hopefully set the entrance of America into the war, which is welcomed not only from a material point of view but as an immense moral endorsement of the aims all are fighting for.

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TWO BACONLESS AND TWO BEEFLESS DAYS

OTTAWA.—Hon. J. Hanna, Food Controller, it is understood, has applied to the Minister of Justice for authority to enforce stringent food regulations which he has decided upon. His purpose is to compel restaurateurs and hotels to observe two baconless days in each week and two beefless days. Also restaurants which serve over twenty-five meals a day he wants to be prohibited from using white bread.

POSITIONS RE-TAKEN BY BRITISH

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—All the positions east of Monchy Le Preux on Arras battlefield in France which were captured by the Germans Thursday night have been retaken by the British, according to an official statement issued today by the British war office. On the Belgian front, where the French and British launched an offensive Tuesday morning the entente allied troops made further progress east of Kortkeer, Caboret.

The convicted man had just received his sentence and was being led out. "Poor man, is there anything I can do for you?" asked a sympathetic woman. "No, mum," said the prisoner, "unless you'd like to do this three years."—Detroit Saturday Night.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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BOILED DOWN WISDOM.

We always hurt ourselves when we try to hurt others.

Two ears and but a single tongue. By Nature's Laws to man belong. The lesson she would teach is clear, Repeat but half of what you hear.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. —J. M. Barrie.

Whenever you are feeling blue Something for some one else, go do.

We are put into this world to make it better. And we must be about our business. —Gen. Armstrong.

If you intend to do a mean thing, Wait till to-morrow. If you are to do a noble thing, Do it now, now.—Dr. Guthrie.

Thou camest not to thy place by accident; It is the very place God meant for thee. —Trench.

Not getting the better of another person. But getting the best out of one's self is success.

What makes a city great and strong? Not architecture's graceful strength, Not factories' extended length, But men who see the civic wrong, And give their lives to make it right, And turn its darkness into light.

45 OF CREW OF U.S. STEAMER LOST THEIR LIVES

LONDON.—It was reported at the United States consulate here today that 45 members of the crew of the American steamship Motano which was sunk by a German submarine on July 31st, lost their lives.

A PLANTING SONG.

Plant, plant, plant, the boys are joining. Sure to need the food that you can raise! Help to feed the army well, Help to give the Kaiser hell, Help to bring the brighter, better days!

Plant, plant, plant, the ships are sailing. Out to where the silent terrors wait, Help to make the land and sea Safer for the nations free, Harder for the predatory state!

Plant, plant, plant, the nation's calling. Field as well as forge to join the fight; Every acre more of wheat Serves to bear the foe defeat, Every stalk of corn's a blow for land and right!

Plant, plant, plant, the foes of freedom, Grim, and undiscouraged, still are strong; Civilize 'em with a plow! Serve your country—do it now! Help destroy the citadels of wrong!

Plant, plant, plant, and in the future, You shall see a harvest richer far Than the cheaves of golden wheat; Liberty at last complete, Life at last triumphant over War! —CHICAGO HERALD.

A SLICE OF BREAD

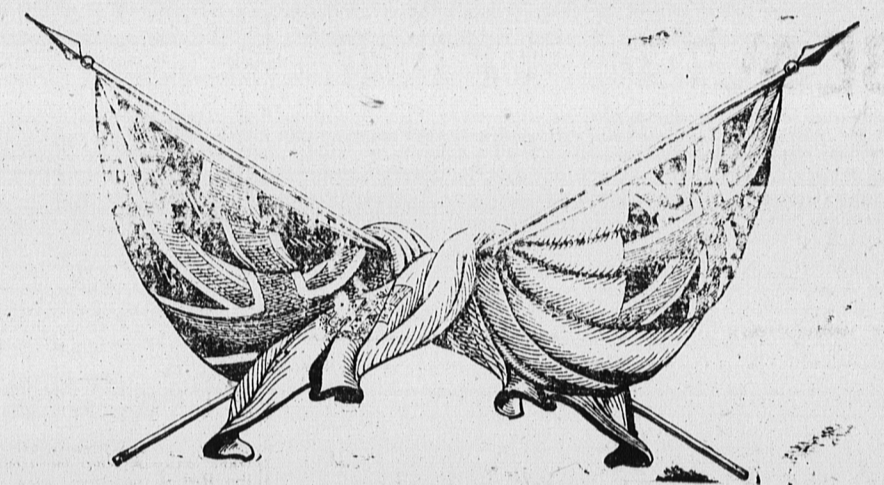
(Cleveland Press.) I am a slice of bread, I measure three inches by two and a half, and my thickness is half an inch. My weight is exactly an ounce. I am wasted once a day by millions of people of the United States.

I am "the bit left over," the slice eaten absent-mindedly when really I wasn't needed; I am the waste crust. If you collected me and my companions for a whole week you would find that we amounted to thousands of tons of good bread—wasted. When you throw me away or waste me you are adding just so many submarines to the German navy. Stop it! Stop fighting for the enemy by wasting me!

Worth Trying

The small boy stood at the garden gate and howled and howled. A passing old lady paused beside him. "What's the matter, little man?" she asked in a kindly voice. "O-h!" wailed the youngster, "papa and ma won't let me go to the pictures tonight!" "But don't make such a noise!" said the dame admonishingly. "Do they ever take you when you cry like that?" "Sometimes they do, an—an—sometimes they do—don't!" hellowed the boy. "But it ain't no trouble to yell!"

"Up with the Union Jack boys, And let the Nations see The Flag which Britons hail with pride, The Flag for which our fathers died, The Flag we'll guard whate'er betide— THE FLAG OF LIBERTY!"



You will need the flag for every patriotic event for years to come—for every one of those great victories that you positively KNOW are sure to come! You can use it constantly for decorative purposes in public and private societies, in the school house, in the church, and—best of all—in the home. You will be able to celebrate all the holidays—Empire Day, the King's Birthday, Dominion Day, etc., etc.

Presented By the Guardian

This flag distribution is a patriotic effort entered into by a combination of the leading papers of the Dominion to provide the way whereby the Empire's emblem may be flung to the breeze from every house in Canada. Owing to the war the shortage of fast dye colors—which must come from abroad—had made it well-nigh impossible to secure genuine fast-color dyed flags in quantities. How to possibly secure several hundred thousand full-sized flags for this Dominion-wide movement—that became the question of the hour. This combination of Canada's greatest newspapers took up the work, and by guaranteeing what was the largest single flag order ever placed, the way was smoothed so that every reader may be prepared to unfurl from his or her home the full-sized, authentic emblem of the world's greatest and proudest Empire.

A FLAG FOR EVERY HOME—Get ready for that great victory! Don't you KNOW it is sure to come! Patriotic Canada must be ready for it—YOU must do your part! Your flag will be ready for you so get one at once.

\$2.25

This price of \$2.25 is for the complete Flag Outfit. It is not a stiff muslin flag printed with ink—but it is a beautiful soft cotton bunting that with ordinary care should last a lifetime. The colors are dyed in guaranteed fast colors, with canvas heading and grommets. The Outfit complete is described below.

These beautiful flags are not little hand flags, but full sized three by five feet; bigger than the top of your drawing room table, and are in genuine fast-dyed colors. The ornamental pole or staff, if desired in addition is over six feet long—and jointed like a fishing-rod. The metal holder or window bracket, to be permanently fastened in the window, overcomes all the trouble you have always heretofore had in hanging out a flag.

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This Flag Coupon

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