

GREAT SPEECHES BY UNION CANDIDATES

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what men counted themselves politically. The ministry of which Mr. Lloyd George is head comprises Laborites, Radicals, Conservatives and men whose politics, if they have any, are not generally known to the public they serve. This means that many who in the past were adherents of the party out of which the present government developed have had to forego legitimate ambitions or opportunities for advancement in service. This is the price of the greater good that is sought and obtained. The case in Canada is the same. It must be faced in the same spirit that led Mr. Balfour, an ex-prime minister of the United Kingdom and one of the foremost men in the Empire to accept a subordinate position under the public man he had long opposed. The voters of the United Kingdom have acted in sympathy with the action of their leaders. In bye-elections after bye-elections men pledged to support the Government to the end of the war have been returned to Parliament, and if there was a general election tomorrow, there is no ground for doubting that the result would be a House of Commons practically of one mind in regard to the matter. Until peace comes they will leave all else in the background. The same is true of the United States. After the election President Wilson gathered into his cabinet the ablest men in the country and from the very outset, selective conscription has been in operation in the Great Republic.

Just here, I would like to say a word on the war. If you will take the trouble to glance at the map today, you will see, probably to your horror, that Germany practically has her grip on the heart of the very middle of Europe. Some of the countries that she has taken are Belgium, Northern France, Serbia, Poland, Roumania, part of Italy, and she has subdued Russia. Then she plundered Montenegro, Albania, Serbia, Roumania, Belgium, and parts of France and Russia, seizing war material, human bodies, food products and all kinds of machinery, etc., of incalculable value. She dominates Austria, Bulgaria, Turkey and practically owns them. She has command of the Baltic as far up and including the Riga Gulf in all likelihood the Black Sea, the Dardanelles and half the Adriatic, so that the thought of

starting Germany can never be entertained.

Then let me give you some idea of what transpired since the opening of the war. Counting her own population and those that she controls Germany has nearly one hundred and eighty millions of people, capable of raising thirty-one million of men.

Against this we have the British Empire with four hundred and ten millions of people, one-fifth of the earth's surface, and in Canada alone we can put eighteen Germanys. Then we have allied with us France with a population of over thirty-eight millions of people, America with a population of 100,000,000 and Japan with forty-one million, making a total outside of the neutral nations of nearly six hundred millions of people, so that in men, money and ships, we have the enemy beaten to a standstill. So, at the three corners of the world come against us, NAUGHT SHALL MAKE US RUE, IF OUR PEOPLE TO THEMSELVES DO PROVE BUT TRUE."

There is one more point in connection with the war, and I would like to quote to you from a speech delivered by Sir Robert Borden in the House of Commons, at the Imperial War Conference in 1917, when he announced the policy of compulsory military enlistment.

"Now, as to our efforts in this war—and here I approach a subject of great gravity and seriousness, and responsibility, that devolves upon myself and upon my colleagues and not only upon us but upon the members of this parliament and the people of this country. We have four Canadian divisions at the front. For the immediate future there are sufficient reinforcements. But four divisions cannot be maintained without thorough provision for future requirements. If these requirements are not supplied, what will be the consequence. The consequence will be that four divisions will dwindle down to three, then three will dwindle to two, and Canada's efforts, so splendid in the war, up to the present, will not be maintained as we desire it to be maintained. I think that no true Canadian, realizing all that is at the stake in this war, can bring himself to consider with toleration or seriousness any suggestions for the relaxation of our efforts.

The months immediately before us may be decisive. They may be decisive even if the war should not end in this year. Germany is bringing in to play during the present season the last ounce of her manhood. What have we done in this war. We have

sent 326,000 men overseas in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, including Reservists in British and Allied Armies, and men enlisted for naval defence, 360,000 men at least have left the shores of Canada. It is a great effort but greater still is needed. Hitherto we have depended upon voluntary enlistment. I myself stated to Parliament that nothing but voluntary enlistment was proposed by the Government. But I return to Canada impressed at once with the extreme gravity of the situation, and with a sense of responsibility for our further effort at the most critical period of the war. It is apparent to me that THE VOLUNTARY SYSTEM WILL NOT YIELD FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS. I hoped that it would. THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT WITHIN ITS POWER, so far as I can judge. If any effective effort to stimulate voluntary recruiting still remains to be made I should like to know what it is. The people have cooperated with the Government in a most splendid manner, along the line of voluntary enlistment. Men and women alike have interested themselves in filling up the ranks of regiments that were organized. Everything possible has been done, it seems to me, in the way of voluntary enlistment.

"All citizens are liable to military service for the defence of their country, and I conceive that the battle for Canadian liberty and autonomy is being fought today on the plains of France and of Belgium. There are other places besides the soil of a country itself where the battle for its liberties and its institutions can be fought and I venture to think that if this war should end in defeat, Canada, in all the years to come, would be under the shadow of German military domination. That is the very lowest at which we can put it. I believe that this fact cannot be gainsaid.

"I have had to take all these matters into consideration and I have given them my most earnest consideration. I realize that the responsibility is a serious one, but I do not shrink from it. Therefore, it is my duty to announce to this House that early proposals will be made on the part of the Government to provide, by compulsory military enlistment on a selective basis, such reinforcements as may be necessary to maintain the Canadian army today in the field as one of the finest units of the Empire. The number of men required will not be less than 50,000 and will probably be 100,000. These prospects have been formulated in part and they will be represented to the House with the greatest expedition that circumstances will permit. I hope that when they are submitted all the members of the House will receive them with a full sense of the greatness of the issue involved in the war, with a deep realization of the sacrifice that we have already made of the purpose for which it has been made, and with a firm determination on our part that in this great struggle we will do our duty, whatever it may be, to the very end."

"Here in Canadian heart and home and name—
This name which yet shall grow,
Till all the nations know
Us for a patriot people heart and hand
Loyal to our native earth—our own
Canadian land."

And this, gentlemen, entirely expresses my sentiments and I hope yours also. We have seen, according to the latest figures, 4,000 of the dented boys—your sons and mine, go forth to fight the great fight for universal freedom and liberty. They are over there in France, in the trenches, on the plains, in the air, under the element and bitter winter conditions of frost, snow, rain and mud; they are fighting gallantly many of them are sleeping, beneath the blood-stained soil of Sunny France, and many mothers in Island homes are sorrowing today.

"Go, stranger! track the deep
Free, free the white sail spread
Wave may not foam, nor wild wind sweep
Where rest not England's dead."

With all reverence, I ask you men and women, in the name of God, ARE YOU GOING TO PERMIT THESE BOYS THAT ARE STILL FIGHTING, TO BE SLAUGHTERED WHERE THEY STAND AND REFUSE TO SEND ASSISTANCE TO THEM? THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO CARRY OUT THIS WAR SUCCESSFULLY AND THAT IS FOR US ALL TO UNITE AND STAND BY ONE ANOTHER, AND MAKE THE ONE GREAT AIM OF OUR LIVES FOR THE PRESENT TIME TO WIN THE WAR.

PATRIOTISM—NOT PARTYISM

On this solid rock of patriotism—not partyism I, with my colleague Mr. Martin, firmly take my stand. If you voters fully realize the awfulness, the danger and crisis that is confronting our country, you will sink all party differences, abandon politics and stand by and support the men, who believe in unity, in universalism and the carrying on of the war ahead of all other public considerations.

"If you're wounded by a savage foe and bugles sound "retire",
There's something in the British after all:
You may bet your life they'll carry you beyond the zone of fire
For there's something in the British after all:
Yes, although their guns be empty,
and their blood be ebbing fast,
And to stay be wounded comrades be to fall,
Yet they'll set their teeth like bulldogs and protect you to the last,
Or they'll die, like British soldiers, after all."

I appeal to you therefore for your votes and your support, for myself and Mr. Martin and assure you, that, if elected, my chief aim, will be forgetting all else, and pressing constantly forward, with the aid and ability that I can, to ASSIST THE UNION GOVERNMENT IN SENDING MORE TROOPS, TO SUPPORT THE CANADIAN SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT, AND TO HELP ENGLAND AND HER ALLIES TO WIN THE WAR.

Mr. Warburton followed. His course was not clear but the impression he wished to convey was that he was a win-the-war candidate. He did not attempt to reconcile this with his adherence to the policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

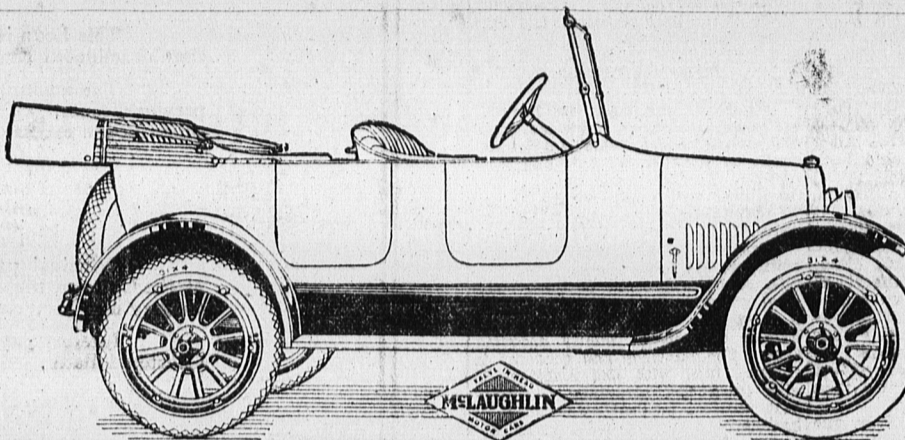
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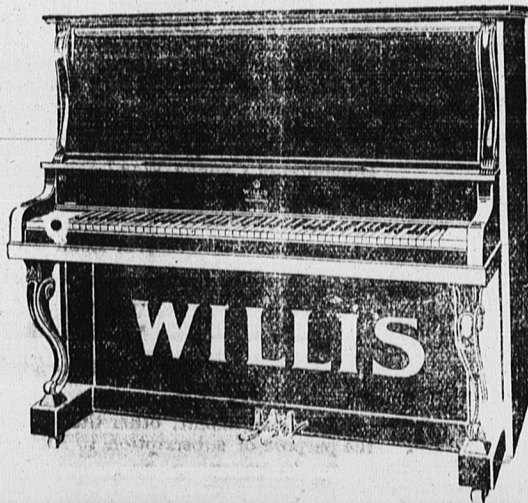
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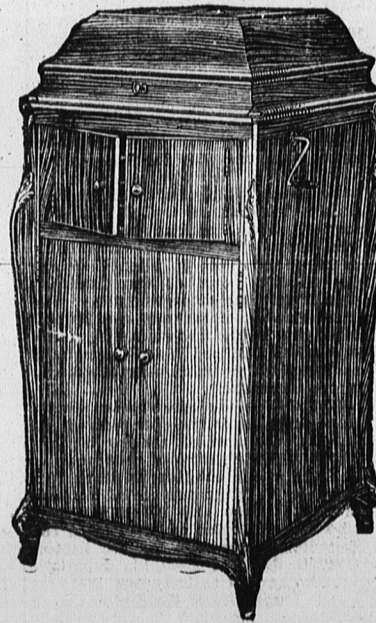
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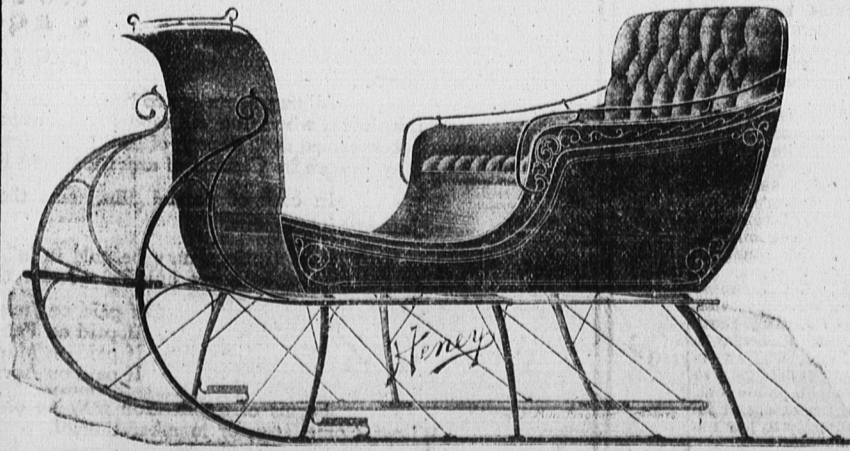
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