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THE PATRIOT'S EXCUSE

The Patriot now rises to explain that the reason it has never published the letter of the Falconwood trustees to Dr. Goodwill is that it never was asked to do so.

THE HIDDEN HAND IN CANADA

As late as Jan. 22nd, 1917, Count Bernstorff, German Ambassador to the United States, was asking the Berlin Government for further funds wherewith to influence Congress in Germany's favor.

SIR WILFRID THEIR LEADER

The Socialists, pacifists and pro-Germans, who formed a vociferous minority in the Trades and Labor Congress, went so far as to call Canada's returned soldiers a lot of "hired ruffians."

A LIBERAL VIEW

The Toronto Star (Liberal) discussing the purchase of the C.N.R. says: We believe in the taking over of the C.N.R. and the express and telegraph companies that belong to it.

In advocating the taking over of the C.N.R. and subsidiary companies at the present time we do so because we believe that if it is not done now, when conditions are not only permit it but force the issue upon the country, it never will be done.

It is easy for political partizanship to denounce the proposed taking over of the C.N.R. as a steal, "the most daring steal ever attempted on Parliament"

except by taking it over, and by appraisalment of that which is taken over?

Three years ago, when the last hand-out of forty-five millions of dollars was made to the C.N.R., the Liberals in Parliament advocated the taking over of the road.

SIR WILFRID'S BACKERS

"He is a sure horse for the next Laurier cabinet," said Mr. W. F. Kay, M.P., to a Quebec audience the other day, by way of introducing Mr. L. A. Lapointe of Kamouraska.

NOTES

Premier Borden is the only man who can push it along. The Premier may be strong-headed but he is right-hearted.

Dr. Goodwill has reason to pray to be saved from his friends since the Patriot started out to champion his cause.

Street meetings against conscription in Quebec are being very slimly attended now that the temperature has fallen.

Von Bernstorff applied to the Kaiser for \$50,000 "to assist in influencing members of Congress against war measures."

Sweden's air of injured innocence in the matter of the Luxburg despatches from Buenos Aires looks too much like the surprise of a smuggler caught with the goods.

A Methodist minister at Meaford declares that The Globe is playing "a low game of politics" in opposing the new Franchise Act.

The latest revelation of German intrigue on this side of the Atlantic involves the names of a justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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GLARING EXPOSURE

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from Edmonton (Mr. Oliver). The hon. member for Edmonton has made sundry and divers remarks in the House that would tend to show that he was not altogether satisfied with the conscriptionists on that side.

I think that the situation brought about is a most deplorable one. I do not know how they got into it, but the opinion in our part of the country is that they must have been soft-headed to allow themselves to take the attitude they did.

Where is the average elector in Ontario and in this Dominion today, when he sees this film game being played by these gentlemen from end to end of this Dominion to the other—as the hon. member for Moosejaw (Mr. Knowles) said, in the vain endeavor to save their own necks? Here is what one gentleman said:

Win-the-War party? This is not a win-the-war party. Every gentleman says here the whole aim is to win the election. That is the policy of the party.

There was a candidate from North Essex who said:

Like other gentlemen who have spoken, I regret the diversity of opinion that exists, and I am confused on account of it. In fact, for a month or more past I have been like Eliza in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," floating along, jumping from one cake of ice to another, now I want to strike shore somewhere, and I want to land soon.

Not one gentleman opposite has dared to make a denial of these matters, and the reason they will not deny these statements is that there are a number of these candidates, and if they dared to make denial some of the candidates would say: For the love of Heaven, what kind of men are these men when they deny what they said in open meeting? Why are these gentlemen down upon the franchise Bill? The reason is because they find that where they expected a win on an appeal to the passion of Germans and Austrians in the Northwest, they are not going to win.

I looked up the returns in the last election, and I find that in the riding of Humboldt, where the present member (Mr. Neely) had a majority of 4,218, at some of the polls there were overwhelming majorities for the Liberal candidate. I shall give some examples, placing the figures for the Liberal candidate first in each case: 46-0, 36-0, 40-2, 72-2, 21-0, 80-1, 54-0, 59-0, 58-1, 68-1, 4-1, 42-0, 62-1, 43-0, 33-0, 56-0. In sixteen polls out of 188, 811 votes were cast for Mr. Neely and only 9 votes for his opponent. In order to show you how distinctly German and foreign the names are, let me read the names of some of these polling places: Mozart, Natika, Mueller, Ponnas, Carmel, Leofeld, Fomer, Florek, Galicia. Why do the heathen rage? That is why the hon. member for St. John (Mr. Pugsley) loses his temper; that is why when any reference is made to any political crime that has ever been committed in the calendar of the Grits, he jumps up and says: you must not refer to me. The hon. gentleman lost his temper, lost his head altogether. That is why the heathen

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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY. To be honest to be kind—to earn a little and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence; to remove when that shall be necessary and not to be embittered! to keep a few friends, but these without capitulation—Above all, on the same grim conditions to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy.

God never would send you the darkness. If he felt you could bear the light; But you would not cling to his guiding hand. If the way were always bright, And you would not care to walk by faith. Could you always walk by sight. Then nestle your hand in your Father's. And sing, if you can, as you go; Your song may cheer some one behind you. Whose courage is sinking low; And, well, if your lips do quiver— God will love you better so.



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those who were at the Toronto convention are mighty sorry they ever were there. I have this to say about the Winnipeg convention, that I think there is a spirit of uneasiness in hon. gentlemen ever since it took place. These gentlemen talk about their being a loyal party, about their being the party behind the war, the party who have been doing all they could for the country, with the approval of their leader. They have been conducting in this country for the last two years a campaign for election purposes and election purposes alone. On the 31st of March, after this House adjourned, where were to be found two of the Lieutenants of this party opposite? In the far West, setting the heather afloat to give their friends the idea that there was a prospect for them to win in an election. They had a meeting at Edmonton. I have an extract from that great family journal, the Edmonton Bulletin, owned by the hon. member for Edmonton, a truth teller. Here is the report from that paper:

E. M. Madonald received an ovation. He devoted himself to an exposure of the mistakes and errors of the Federal Government. He said in its conduct of the war it had lost the trust of the people and that in its extravagance, its waste of public money, in its support of the profiteers and of the makers of rotten boots and rifles which were a positive source of peril to our soldiers at the front, it was no longer entitled to the respect of Canadians.

Mr. Oliver: That is a reliable pattern? I was not there, but I will save one thing to my hon. friend, that

Mr. W. H. Bennett: That is a reliable paper. Fancy the hon. gentleman from Picton (Mr. Macdonald) denouncing the Ross rifle. The hon. gentleman from Edmonton (Mr. Oliver) says that is a truthful paper. Picture the member for Picton standing up in this House by the hour to champion the Ross rifle, but when he gets off in the wilds of Alberta he denounces it as an instrument that was murdering the Canadian soldiers at the front. Let us have an end to this humbug forever.

MEAT BUSINESS COSTLY. TORONTO, Sept. 24.—It would cost the city \$1,000,000 to go into the dead meat business, Mayor Church said today after a private meeting of the board of control at which the future policy regarding the abattoir was discussed. The Mayor said that the city could not afford to finance such a proposition at the present time. "We couldn't think of spending that much during the war on a plant for going into the dead meat business," said the Mayor.

HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH BERNSTORFF. NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—John Doer, secretary of the Friends of Irish Freedom, made the following statement today in connection with the letter of Count Von Bernstorff. "The Friends of Irish Freedom is not the organization referred to by Count von Bernstorff. We have not now and never did have any German tinge. Our membership is restricted to those of Irish blood and we are entirely supported by our members."

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