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CAN SIMPSON SCORES PRESENT METHODS OF AIDING WAR FUNDS

On Sunday April 29 th. Rev. Canon Simpson prefaced his morning sermon by reading a circular from the Director of National Service for this province impressing upon the people the urgent necessity of doing everything that lies within the power of each individual man and woman in order that the awful struggle now raging may be speedily and victoriously terminated.

"It is unfortunate, in a way, said Canon Simpson, "that this appeal should come at the time when our forces are making some successful advances on the Western Front.

The uninitiated are saying on all sides: "The war will be over soon." Scarcely a day goes by without some headlines speak of Germany's last stand," and the like. "We have got the Germans on the run." That is nonsense. And those conducting the war want us constantly against any such supposition. We have recovered a twenty mile front in France—we are still fifty miles from the German border and there is the whole of Belgium to be recovered on the West. On the East there is the whole of Serbia, Poland and Roumania with a considerable portion of Russia still in the "Enemy's hands; and if the Germans can conserve their food supply for another two months until the harvest of Southern Europe can be gathered they will be relieved from the danger of starvation.

Could the allied armies this summer press the enemy back on all fronts to their own boundaries, with this shortening of their line of defense and with their backs as it were, to the wall they could fight on indefinitely and our only possible hope of an early peace is a successful revolution in Central Europe.

Remember they have a million more men in the field today than they had last year and they are at the height of their efficiency. On the other hand the Canadian casualties alone in the two weeks after Easter amounted to over 10,000. As we have four divisions at the front, 100,000 men, this means a loss of 12 p. c. in ten days. As recruiting is practically dead in the Dominion, unless fresh means are devised to reinforce our armies, we shall in a few months be a negligible quantity in Europe.

Then there is the Russian danger. What will that nation do? The present Government has to contend with the old autocratic party on one side, and they will leave nothing unattempted to regain power; while the extreme Socialists, not content with the actions of the administration may at any time provoke a counter revolution. "A Kingdom divided against itself cannot stand." It may be that the parties may come to some agreement till after the war, but there is great danger. A few weeks ago how many people realized that Russia was on the verge of a revolution? We woke up one morning to find to our astonishment that it was an accomplished fact. We may wake up some other morning to find that Russia is in a state of civil war, or is negotiating for a separate peace.

And there is the submarine peril. During February nearly half a million tons of shipping were sunk by submarines. Do you realize what that means? It is the equivalent of some fifty Atlantic liners or some 300 boats the size of the Northumberland. The submarine menace is a strangle hold upon the nations. Britain cannot continue the war, it cannot even live, unless the losses are made good by the immediate building of hundreds of new ships.

There is already a very serious shortage of food in Great Britain. There are no potatoes and very little sugar. They have one meatless day each week and will soon have more probably. The King himself has ordered the royal palaces on rations. How long will it be before the armies have their food supply reduced?

What of ourselves? The cost of living is higher it is true, but our taxes are low. The farmers are receiving phenomenal prices for their products—money is plentiful—there is prosperity everywhere. We think we are out of the danger zone, but now that navigation is opened the visit of a German submarine any day, might dispart that illusion.

What are we doing? We cannot wash our hands of all these things. Look at the casualty lists in the papers. We are filled with pride at the patriotism of the Empire. It is easy to be proud at another's expense. Read the tales of men from torpedoed

battle of Vimy Ridge began, and over 16,000 Canadian casualties were reported including 40 or more of our own men, there have been patriotic bridge parties and teas and one of the last concerts of the season, with so much candy donated, that it could not all be sold.

For 2000 years, the Emperor Nero has been held up to execration for fiddling while Rome was burning. Today we amuse ourselves by listening to patriotic songs and eating home made candy, while our men are being slaughtered by hundreds and maimed by thousands in defence of our homes. It is like dancing on newly made graves.

No doubt many of those who get up these entertainments, do so with the best motives. They give liberally themselves, and want others to give but they do not realize that they are surrendering to the meanness of those who will not give something for nothing. I should say food sales, or sales of work, or instructive lectures were quite legitimate ways of raising money for patriotic purposes, but when it comes to mere amusement and feasting, in the face of the awful casualty lists it is degrading to the serious business in which our Empire is engaged. If people want entertainment, the Picture Houses are open—if they cannot get enough to eat at home there are restaurants ready to attend to their needs.

Hundreds of thousands of the women in England are daily risking their lives and their health from explosions and poisonous fumes, filling shells wherewith to win the war and doing all sorts of other heavy and exacting work hitherto only done by men while our women are filling bags of candy for slackers to share with their lady friends.

It is not time that this perpetual candy eating were stopped, in the face of the great scarcity of sugar? If people will not contribute to war funds without such return, then let their money perish with them. The Empire will not fall in consequence, but they will surely be held responsible.

Many centuries ago the children of Israel were summoned to fight against Jabin, King of Canaan and his hosts, as you heard just now in the lesson and for some reason the people of Meroz refused to answer the call. When the victory was won, the prophetess Deborah, in her inspired song of Thanksgiving said "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord—that is the second Person of the Blessed Trinity—'curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, the help of the Lord against the mighty.' These people by withholding their aid in the day of decision were guilty of treason. Hence their guilt of such a time, neutrality, before God counts for opposition. The curse was laid on them not by man but by God and they have been held up to scorn by all succeeding ages.

Although this does not justify the men at the front cursing us, we know that they are cursing us for our lack of support—for our neglect to send them the much needed reinforcements, and it may be, that their bitter cry will yet enter the ears of the Lord of Sabbath. Think upon what slender threads our present prosperity depends—a had harvest—the wreck of the car ferry—a shortage of coal, would alter our whole condition next winter. Let us be wise in time—stop feasting and merry making and devote our energies to food production, economy and thrift without delay.

Remember an early peace will not obviate our difficulties. If peace were to come tomorrow the food situation would become infinitely more acute because the nations of Europe would have to be supplied with foodstuffs in enormous quantities to keep them from starving and added to this, there would be the cessation of munition making and other war work and the return of our soldiers throwing many thousands out of employment.

We are now passing through a period of war prosperity but it is simply madness to squander the money which at present flows so freely. Every unnecessary expense should be cut down—every economy in living practiced, and the money thus saved should be lent to the Government for war purposes and they are paying good interest for such loans. Unless this is done we shall yet feel the pinch of poverty, we shall yet have a bread line in Charlottetown, we shall yet rue the day when we refused to heed the voice of those in authority when they warned us of our peril. Let us be wise in time—set our house in order—look to our foundations that when the floods of adversity rise against us, we may be able to withstand them and not fear.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

HALIFAX, N. S., May 12—(Quotations furnished by F. B. McCurdy & Co., stock and bond brokers, members Montreal Stock Exchange, McCurdy Building, Halifax, N. S.)

CLOSING PRICES

	Yesterday	Today
Atchison	100	99 1/2
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Anaconda	98	97 1/2
Can Pac	100 1/2	100 1/2
Gen	88	87 1/2
Cruc	62 1/2	62 1/2
M. F. Ct	78 1/2	78 1/2
Mex Nor Power	87 1/2	87 1/2
Pra	72 1/2	72 1/2
Reading	82 1/2	82 1/2
S. P.	90 1/2	90 1/2
S. T. U.	88 1/2	87 1/2
U. S. Steel	116	115 1/2
U. T.	113 1/2	112 1/2

MRS. SUNDAY PREACHES IN HIPPODROME TO 5,499 WOMEN AND ONE MAN.

Mrs. Sunday, wife of the Rev. William A. Sunday, "preached" to 5,499 women and one man yesterday afternoon in the Hippodrome. The man was a reporter, and it was only after pleading his cause with much eloquence that he finally got inside the door. Even the ushers and policemen were excluded. This was not because anything was said which would have been unsuitable to a mixed audience, but just because Mr. Sunday was preaching at the same time to men up at the tabernacle.

After the sermon by Mrs. Sunday 289 women shook hands with her. On the stage a choir of five hundred sat and sang softly as the women came up the runway to be greeted by Mrs. Sunday. "Come to Jesus Now," "Jesus is Tenderly Calling Today," "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" and "I Hear My Saviour Calling."

Young women prominent in society, acting as ushers, succeeded in getting the names and addresses of 187 of the "runway hitters." When she saw the aisle was too narrow Mrs. Sunday walked down it and made it easier for those who came forward.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. E. L. Davis, chairman of the local Women's Work Committee for the Sunday campaign. The music was led by Mrs. William Asher, of the Sunday staff. It was the general opinion that Mrs. Sunday proved herself as good a preacher as her husband. There is one marked difference. Mrs. Sunday used no slang. She has a rich, penetrating voice. She announced she would speak tomorrow evening in the University Place Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Sunday introduced the members of the Sunday staff, each one explaining her particular line of work. Mrs. Sunday wore a black net dress with black jet trimmings.

Miss Frances E. Miller announced that a meeting would be held tomorrow at noon in room 508 of the Municipal Building, and that a young women's Purify Meeting would be held Monday evening, May 21, in the tabernacle, at which Mrs. Sunday will preside.

"The Hippodrome people have been mighty kind," said Mrs. Sunday in announcing the collection. "They cut their price in half and let us have it today for \$300. I would like to get over to hand to the local committee toward the general expenses of the campaign."

In beginning her sermon she told many instances of lives that had been reformed through her husband's preaching in other cities. She took for her text "In the beginning, God," and she delivered a plain gospel message, closing with the story of the conversion of her own father, in his Chicago home, only eight months before his death. All the rest of her family were confessing Christians, she said.

"I have rebuked myself a million times for not speaking to him before about becoming a Christian," she said, and requested the women present to go home and tell the members of their family to give their hearts to Christ.

"Finally my courage came when we were leaving for a campaign in Spokane," she continued. "I was bidding my father goodbye, and he looked at me so strangely I knew afterwards that he was waiting all the time for me to speak to him about his soul's salvation."

"When my mother died she had made him promise he would meet her in heaven. I put my arms about him and said, 'Daddy, dear, I want you to know we are praying for you.' We got a telegram not long afterwards saying he had united with the church. We were gone he had a paralytic stroke. On my return he looked at me the same searching way.

"I did not know what he wanted. But finally I knelt down and I poured out my heart in prayer. That was what he had been waiting for me to do. Seven months later he was called home."

When Mrs. Sunday closed scenes of women were in tears. A like meeting is projected for next Sunday.

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11 a. m., sermon, by Lieut. J. D. Morrison, of the Y. M. C. A. Overseas Force. 2.30 p. m., Sunday School. 7 p. m., sermon, subject, "The Mother of a Patriot." Mothers' Day service. Preacher, Rev. R. G. Fulton.

GRACE CHURCH

11 a. m., sermon, Sunday School and Bible Class with orchestra. 2.20 p. m., 7 p. m., sermon, Rev. Frank H. Littlejohns, preacher.

ST. JAMES'

11 a. m., sermon, subject, "The Purpose of Suffering." 2.30 p. m., Sunday School and Bible Class. 7 p. m., sermon, subject, "Experiences at the Front." Rev. Dr. Fullerton Strangers welcome and seats provided.

ZION CHURCH

11 a. m., sermon, 2.30 p. m., Sunday School and Bible Class. 7 p. m., sermon. Every member is expected to be present. Rev. Dr. Myers will preach.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN

11 a. m., sermon, Sunday School and Bible Class. 2.30 p. m., 7 p. m., sermon. Rev. O. B. Emery. A hearty welcome to all. Seats free.

BAPTIST CHURCH

11 a. m., sermon, Sunday School and Bible Class. 2.30 p. m., Special welcome is extended to men and women by the two recently organized adult classes. 7 p. m., sermon, Rev. Charles R. Freeman will preach at both services.

PEOPLE'S CHURCH

Service at 7 p. m. Rev. D. MacLean, preacher.

ST. PETER'S

5th Sunday after Easter. Holy Communion 8 a. m. and 11 a. m. Matins 10.15. Sunday School and Bible Classes 2.30. Evensong 7 p. m. Canon Simpson and Dr. Hunt.

ST. PAUL'S

8.30 a. m., Holy Communion. 11 a. m., morning prayer. 2.30 p. m., Sunday School and Bible Class. 7 p. m., evening prayer. All seats free. Rev. T. W. Murphy.

SALVATION ARMY

Week-end services, Saturday, 8 p. m. Praise meeting Sunday, 11 a. m., subject, "The Christian's Obligations." Sunday 3.30 p. m., Dedication service. Sunday 7.30 p. m., subject, "The Short Man's Chance." Every service interesting, and full of blessing. All invited.

MR. SUNDAY WINS 12,000 RECRUITS FOR LOCAL OPTION.

NEW YORK, Smashing with both fists Billy Sunday gave booze and sin hard blows Sunday in the tabernacle on Washington Heights and brought his day's struggle with the devil to a dramatic close when, leaping from the green carpeted platform to his plain pine pulpit, he stretched out his arms and yelled:—

"Never anywhere have I seen a finer fight made by any official than your Governor, Charles Whitman, is making today up in Albany against that dirty, iniquitous whiskey ring, which is seeking to crush him."

The twelve thousand shouted applause. "He is fighting the fight of the people, and every man worth the name in this city ought to set into the fight and help him." Mr. Sunday continued, waving his arms. "Then he asked how many of the audience would take a stand with the Governor in the local option fight, regardless of politics, and 'go through with it.' Nearly every man stood, and the roar made the rough boards rattle.

His Answer to Critics.

Not a minute later Mr. Sunday was back on the pulpit again with this to his critics:—

"When I am through with you, old New York, you may take me out on the Brooklyn Bridge and tie a stone around my neck and dump me over, but every man of you will have to say, 'There goes a man who preached what he believed.'

"I have taken more scuffling, more snuff, more remarks and had my life threatened from one end of the country to the other by that God forsaken, black hearted gang of booze hitters because I have come out uncompromisingly against them. But there is no one that will reach down lower or reach up higher to help a man out of the pits of drunkenness than I."

Mr. Sunday preached two ser-

After he had criticized "the tango lizards" and "the lounge lizards," he said:—

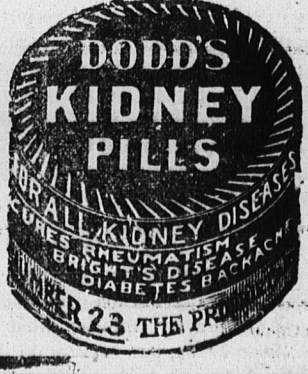
"You never looked at a man who ate less, slept less and worked harder than I do. But I have been sleeping better here than in any other city for a long time.

"You are a cracking good bunch here. I hate to think of the day when I shall have to say goodbye."

One of those who "hit the trail" yesterday morning fainted soon afterwards. He was carried to the hospital, but it was found locked. No physician could be found and no nurse was in sight. Finally volunteers got the hospital door open and administered first aid. The man explained that he had been "a heavy drinker" for years and that it was the conviction which suddenly came to him when shaking hands with Mr. Sunday that he would have "to cut out the booze" which caused him to faint.

Mrs. Lookyoung—For mercy sake, don't put me near old Millyns. Hostess—Why not? Her awfully interesting.

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