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## THE LEGISLATURE OPENS

The Provincial Legislature opened for its annual session yesterday. Owing to the strenuous times through which we are passing, the ceremony was of the simplest description, there being no guard-of-honour, band or formal reception. His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor attended by his two aides, Col. Jenkins and Major Bartlett, and preceded by the Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. D. Currie, entered the House and proceeded with the business without delay. Previously, however, Mr. A. P. Prowse, Murray Harbour, had been unanimously chosen Speaker in place of Mr. J. S. Martin, who has entered the Government. The motion was proposed by Premier Arsenault, who appeared in the House for the first time as Leader of the Government, seconded by Hon. Murdoch McKinnon, and supported by Mr. Bell, Leader of the Opposition, who took the opportunity of emphasizing the necessity for upholding the dignity and impartiality of the high office. Mr. J. S. Stewart and Dr. MacDonald were introduced by the Premier and Mr. McKinnon on taking their seats for the first time for Georgetown and St. Peter's, respectively. A motion by the same two members of regret at the death of Mr. McInnes and sympathy with his family, was supported by Mr. Bell, Hon. H. D. McEwen, and Mr. A. E. McLean and carried by a standing vote. The standing committees were appointed and on the motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Dr. MacDonald, consideration of the Address was adjourned till today; and on the motion of the Premier, the House adjourned till this afternoon at three o'clock.

The Governor's address referred to the present critical stage of the war and emphasized the necessity for increased production. It referred to the measures taken by the Government in this direction, and to the development of the mussel-mud industry and the introduction of a ditching machine. Legislation was promised in connection with the prohibition law, the election act, the educational system, and the development of the peat industry, while intimation was made that in conformity with similar steps taken in neighboring provinces, the usual grant to exhibitions this year would be discontinued.

The most important change in the constitution of committees was the substitution of Mr. Paton for Mr. Prowse as the chairman of the committee on Public Accounts.

## THE NEW SPEAKER

Congratulations will be generally extended today to the Honourable A. P. Prowse, the new Speaker of the Legislature. The distinction unanimously conferred upon him is well deserved and we are sure he will conduct the proceedings of the House with dignity, impartiality and satisfaction to all concerned. Outside the government he is the oldest member in the House and is thoroughly conversant with its rules and procedure. It is hoped that the members who have unanimously conferred this honour upon Mr. Prowse will rally to his support and ever maintain his rulings in the interests of the House and for the dignity of his high office.

Congratulations are also in order to ex-Speaker, Hon. J. S. Martin, who has been promoted to a seat in the government. This is also a well deserved recognition of Mr. Martin's claims to preferment and a recognition of the importance of the Belfast District, which he so ably and efficiently represents. An attempt has been made to create the impression that Mr. Martin's appointment to the government is not a promotion. Anyone who knows anything about the legislature and government knows perfectly well that to exchange the Speaker's chair for a seat in the government is an advancement to which any and every Speaker very rightly aspires.

## THE WAR NEWS

The war news these days does not make cheerful reading, yet reading between the

lines of our despatches this morning the situation is far from discouraging. We are told that the Allies have not yet put their reserves into action; also that the English and French lines are retiring unbroken to their original line of defence. At this line, where the reserves are in readiness, the counter-attack will begin which will drive the Germans back and which will probably be the beginning of the end.

The situation that has developed is understandable. Along the whole front from the North Sea to the Adriatic the two belligerent armies were locked in what was practically a stalemate. Russia's defection placed an extra million men at the disposal of the Germans. This million was hurled again the British and French lines and, under the sheer weight of overwhelming numbers, the British and French troops retired rather than sacrifice their men unnecessarily. They are retiring in an unbroken line, exacting a terrible toll upon the massed German formations. But they will reach their line of defence unbroken and there they will be joined by the reserves with full equipment of guns and munitions, equipment that will more than compensate for their losses. The real struggle will begin at the original line of defence and it will end in the final overthrow of the German army. The German militarists who have been explaining to their people that this awful "blood bath" was in the interests of the Fatherland will, when it fails, face an outraged people who have been fed for nearly four years on what even the most ignorant of them suspected was a tissue of false pretences and hypocrisy. When they discover how they have been duped while their people have been slaughtered in hundreds of thousands the day of reckoning for the Hohenzollerns will have arrived and through the hell that will open in Germany peace will come to the world.

## MILITARY SERVICE ACT

The present situation on the battle-fronts emphasizes the necessity for haste in the mobilization of the Military Service drafts. It is gratifying to note that the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Dominion Parliament declares that "notwithstanding a greater delay than was anticipated," the "necessary reinforcements to keep our forces at full strength have been provided," and adds: "This purpose will be maintained in the future." This assurance that the administration is fulfilling the policy which is the very corner-stone of its being, will be particularly welcomed by the country. And it is an assurance that is fortified by figures and facts. Up to the end of last week upwards of 3,000 men had been placed into khaki by the Act, and these, added to the increased flow of recruits being received under the new convention with the United States, as well as the large number of reinforcements obtained by the Fifth Division (which was never intended to be maintained by the Act) make it absolutely certain that our armies at the front will be adequately sustained. In a word, despite inevitable difficulties and unforeseen delays, the draft in Canada has been and will continue to be a success.

## NOTES

A St. Louis young man, recently married, seeks exemption from military service, and supports his claim by the following Biblical quotation: "When a man hath taken a new wife he shall not go to war, neither shall he be charged with any business; but he shall be free at home for one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken." But the wife of such a man, The Ottawa Citizen points out, could never be made to feel cheerful.

Germany will trade with the Allies just so far as the Allies say, and no further. This sentiment is beyond government control in any way. It is in the people. It is put there by the barbarous warfare of Germany, its utter disregard of everything that is honorable in the contract of nations and in warfare, for there may be great honor even in the conduct of killing. Germany is an outcast and it will be an outcast beyond the lives of any now living.—Buffalo Express.

Vacant lot and home garden cultivation are important because they utilize city labour in food production, leaving the farmers free to grow a larger amount of food for export. But these activities will not excuse the man who should be on the farm and would not go. This year it is the urgent duty of every one to do his or her utmost to produce food. The people of the cities must help to grow their own food.

## IS BADGER STATE IN BADGERS GAMES

Canadian readers who will learn whether the Republican party in the state of Wisconsin has chosen Thompson or Lenroot to be its candidate to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate from the Badger State may not learn from the simple announcement how momentous has been the struggle leading up to the primaries. Since the beginning of the war the State of Wisconsin has been under suspicion of being pro-German, or at least pro-Pacifist, and not like other states in their determination to spare no effort to win the war. For outsiders it has been difficult to know whether the charge was well-founded, whether Wisconsin is disloyal, or whether Wisconsin has her most prominent citizen, Senator LaFollette, is a disloyal American and a friend of Germany's. It is true that LaFollette has been blackballed in a Madison club, and that both branches of the State Legislature have publicly repudiated him.

### English Spoken Here

Nevertheless, for all his disloyalty LaFollette has been regarded as a shrewd politician. There is a great German element in Wisconsin. In large communities the German language is the only tongue, and in shops it is not by any means unusual to see a sign "English spoken here," as though the shop were not in the United States, but inviting the patronage of American tourists somewhere in the Rhine valley. The result of the primary will show whether it is true, as has been alleged, that the great bulk of American people of German descent are loyal Americans. If they are behind LaFollette and his man Thompson they are not loyal; if they are behind Congressman Lenroot they will remove the stigma of Kaiserism from the state, and do a tremendous service to the millions of German-Americans scattered through the other 47 states of the Union.

### LaFollette

In the past Wisconsin has been the most hospitable of states to every new idea of government, and LaFollette himself was the leader of the Progressives, who were the legitimate ancestors of the national party that was organized by Theodore Roosevelt to bring about the downfall of President Taft. In Wisconsin, therefore, the primaries are employed as the machinery to de-

termine the party candidates. This is practically an elimination contest. The candidate who gives the most votes becomes the party's candidate in the finals, that is to say, in the struggle for the Senatorship in which Democrat's and Socialists will also have representatives. The present contest is confined to Republicans. Now LaFollette is a Republican. At least he climbed to power by means of the Republican party, though later on he built up a sort of Bolshevik following of his own that is as much Socialistic as Republican. Nominally the State of Wisconsin is Republican, and ordinarily a Republican nomination is regarded as a safe conduct to Washington.

### Democrats Are Loyalists

This will not be the case in the next election. A triumph for Thompson in the primaries could be offset by the swinging into the Democratic camp for the time being of the loyalist Republicans who voted for Lenroot. The Democratic primaries which are to be held later, are attracting no interest outside of the state since the two men who will fight it out for the nomination do not differ in loyalty. One is as wholeheartedly for the war as the other. It is far different with the candidate of the third party which will enter the contest, namely, Victor Berger, one of the leading Socialists of the United States. Berger makes no pretence of loyalty at all. He wants the United States to withdraw from the war at once. Berger is not calculated to have much chance of winning a seat in the United States Senate. He is credited with having a following of some 30,000 voters, which is not 10 per cent. of the vote of the state. If he thought the contest was really between a loyalist and a pacifist he might at the last moment swing his strength to the pacifist. It was even hinted that he might make the swing in the primaries and support Thompson.

### Wilson vs. Kaiser

The election for mayor in the City of New York was not exactly reassuring to those who were told that it was a fight between 100 per cent. Americanism and a "German-Fenian-American" infusion. The present mayor, Judge Hylan, the Tammany candidate, was elected by a tremendous majority, and the victory was generally credited to Hearst, proprietor of "one of the six city papers." But whatever are Mayor Hylan's views of the struggle, it cannot be seen that his election in any way heartened the enemy or slackened the war efforts of the American people. He refused to accept the issue

that this competitors sought to thrust upon him. In Wisconsin it is different. The issue is clear cut, and while the result cannot have any appreciable effect upon the war, a certain result might easily hearten Germany, where the belief is common that American citizens of German descent are always Germans at heart.

## A HARVESTERS DIARY

(Continued)

IMPERIAL VALLEY, Cal. Jan. 17, 1918—I wanted to make at least ten dollars to cover cost of coming into Imperial Valley, and returning. Last evening, after I had taken a room in El Centro Hotel, and this forenoon I tried to locate a job, but jobs seem to be scarce. This is the slack time of year for work. I went to employment agencies and every kind of a place I could think of but failed to find work. A man on the street told me I would be sure to find a job at picking cotton a mile and a half down the railway track. He said I would not make much if I was not used to work. In the afternoon I set out to find that cotton field carrying my grips and overcoat. It was hot; the sun looked down with a penetrating eye. I had to stop more than once to rest and wipe the perspiration from my face.

While passing a place where they were starting to manufacture brick, I decided to try there for employment. The proprietor chanced to be on the spot and when he found that I was used to farming asked me a lot of questions and ended by taking me in his auto to his ranch 18 or 20 miles distant. He agreed to pay me \$2.50 a day and charge 75c for board.

Jan. 31.—The owner of this ranch is a city man. He made a fortune manufacturing and dealing in brick and is now spending quite a lot of it reclaiming a piece of the desert.

Everything here is rough. I expect this ranch is a diamond undergoing the polishing process. I sleep upstairs in the house and have my meals with "the big fellow," the two foremen, the carpenter, and a learned Frenchman from France who is afflicted with asthma and who sought this valley because of the dryness of the air. The Mexicans and Garkies have quarters of their own.

The days are hot but the nights are quite cold; sometimes cold enough to make a little ice.

They do not make any preparations for winter here and I found the early mornings and evenings uncomfortably cold.

It is the custom in this country for a working man to furnish his own bedding but it would not pay to buy an outfit of blankets for the short time I expected to stay. They lent me a canvas cot-bed. Nearly all of the sides and ends of the whole upstairs

were open to the out-of-doors so I had to put on about all the clothes I had, including a heavy overcoat before going to bed. Notwithstanding the fact that I wore my cap, turned up my fur collar and had on winter gloves I shivered for three nights. Then I got twenty empty grain sacks to cover myself with in order to keep warm. I told them the next time I come to California I will bring a bearskin sleeping bag.

The lateral ditches are parallel and a quarter mile apart. Narrow ridges of earth are made with a plough from one ditch to the other enclosing two acre plots. Any one of these plots can be flooded by opening the gate at its upper end. The ground must be levelled as well as ditched. They have a very excellent kind of a scraper which they use in making ditches and scraping mounds into bottoms. High patches of ground are made at proper intervals to build stacks on.

The highways are made double. A ridge of earth runs along each side and another in the centre. When the

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## YOUR PROBLEMS SOLVED

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### CHRISTUS CONSOLATOR

Besides the dead I knelt for prayer, And felt a presence as I prayed. Lo! it was Jesus standing there. He smiled: "Be not afraid!"

"Lord, Thou hast conquered death we know; Restore again to life," I said. "This one who died an hour ago." He smiled: "She is not dead!"

"Asleep then, as thyself didst say; Yet Thou canst lift the lids that keep Her prisoned eyes from ours away!" He smiled: "She does not sleep!"

"Nay then, tho' haply she do wake, And look upon some fairer dawn. Restore her to our hearts that ache!" He smiled: "She is not gone!"

"Alas! too well we know our loss, Nor hope again our joy to touch, Until the stream of death we cross." He smiled: "There is no such!"

"Yet our beloved seem so far, The while we yearn to feel them near. Albeit with Thee we trust they are." He smiled: "And I am here!"

"Dear Lord, how shall we know that Thou art here? Still walk unseen with us and Thee, Nor sleep, nor wander far away?" He smiled: "Abide in me."

R. W. RAYMOND

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A LOVER OF SHAKESPEARE:—You ask if I think Shakespeare was an inspired man. Well, everything depends upon your definition of inspiration. It is undoubtedly true that Shakespeare knew the human heart and could interpret its needs, describe its goodness, its badness, and picture the actions of every type of character under multitudinous circumstances as no other man in history. No man, outside of the Bible, of any nationality, ancient or modern, is the equal of the immortal bard in a knowledge of and in power to depict human nature. This is unquestionably super-human and if it also implies the supernatural, then Shakespeare was an inspired man.

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