

BETTER LEADERSHIP NEEDED

(Toronto World.)

By an overwhelming majority, it is stated, the delegates at the labor convention at Ottawa have recorded themselves opposed to conscription. These delegates evidently represent men who stayed at home and not the labor men who went to the front. Other labor conventions and councils largely composed of men expressed themselves similarly. The Winnipeg council asked to have a referendum. Is it to be presumed that when a labor man's house goes on fire in Winnipeg they take a vote of the union before calling in the fire brigade?

We regret that labor men are missing the chance of their lives in Canada to show that they are as big and as wise as other classes of citizens. They seem to think it possible to get all the plums without any more trouble than passing resolutions. Labor has had a bigger outlook in Britain, and labor in the United States stands head and shoulders above these Canadian delegates of labor on questions of the war. We would respectfully suggest that the labor men at the front be invited to draw up the resolutions for the next conventions of labor that are called. No doubt representative delegates could be had from among the returned men. They will be able to voice any grievances that exist fully as well and clearly as the men who have stayed at home, and they will have a little more useful knowledge of the necessities of the war.

It is unnecessary for The World to express its sympathy with the ordinary labor platform—conscription of wealth, regulation of food prices, appointment of a food controller, nationalization of railways, nationalization of the country's resources, proportional representation, all these we have pioneered with, and hoped to get labor to put itself strong enough to take its own course and form such a vanguard of progressive political force as would carry these measures into operation. One must depend upon the intelligence of a party to sympathy and support from other quarters, and the war has afforded the labor men the opportunity to be wise as well as strong and to unite on the principles that are obvious to every other nation and party. When labor deliberately puts it-

self on record as favoring a policy that plays into the hands of the Germans, the sympathy and support of others need no longer be looked for. It is not merely treason to the country and the country's allies, but the blackest kind of treachery to labor's own comrades who have gone to the front to bleed and die for their mates at home.

This is the eternal disgrace of Canadian labor. It will take a generation to wipe out this stain and the memory of it if such counsels as have been inspired by the blatant windbags of the unions are allowed to sway the labor party in action. It has shaken any confidence in labor that had been developing in the country to see men so selfish for their own interests that they would not assist in sending the eligible shirkers and slackers to the front to take their share of the nation's burden.

If conscription were to bear heavily on labor there might be some excuse for the action, but the great majority of the eligible men have already volunteered from the ranks of labor. Those who lead the opposition are no credit to the party. It is on the leisure class, the class which has not been drawn upon sufficiently in any capacity that conscription will be most usefully work. The genuine labor man has little to fear from the measure, for he is already doing work as necessary where he is as he could be anywhere.

People are asking themselves if labor is stupid. Does it not understand? Those who cannot see the bearing of the whole great problem of the war as it affects labor everywhere as well as in our own country, and who will not help even their own comrades in distress, people say are not fit to be trusted in affairs of state. Thus the labor men lose influence with the best men of their own order, as well as with the general public. How can they be trusted with the care of the national revenue, the national assets, the railways and other resources of the country, when they refuse to move a finger to guard the national life?

This is the bitter question which friends of labor find it so difficult to answer. Can labor not find wiser leaders, and nobler aims?

BORN

Clark.—In Durham, on Tuesday, June 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Dugald Clark, a daughter.

Graham.—In Durham, on Monday, June 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Graham, a son (John Gordon Burgess).

OUTLOOK IS BAD FOR COAL SUPPLY

A despatch from Ottawa to The Toronto World says:

There is less anthracite coal in Canada than there was at this time one year ago. The United States mine owners have placed the dealers on rations and are only delivering 65 per cent. of their requirements. This very serious situation is made in a report on the coal situation in Canada, prepared by W.F. O'Connor, cost of living commissioner, which was laid on the table of the Commons last week by Hon. T.W. Crothers, minister of labor. The situation is so serious that I cannot too seriously express it, says Mr. O'Connor. The commissioner states that his remarks apply to all the principal cities and towns of the Dominion including Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and London.

Mr. O'Connor points out that the United States shipping program is going to tie up the transport system, and will still more seriously affect the prospects of Canada getting coal. He reminds the minister of labor that Canadian railways are short of coal cars, and that American coal was brought to the border last year and could not get any further.

The situation is that United States coal companies have placed an embargo on coal going out of the country, and the United States desires to keep coal cars in the country for an emergency that may come. "The cure for winter coal famines is the abolition of the contract selling system," says Mr. O'Connor. "At present dealers sell now at a price for future delivery. They cannot buy their coal that way, they have to pay the delivery price, and have to settle in one month. The largest buyers who buy on the contract system buy in the spring at the lowest price. Whenever a shortage develops, these contracts have to be filled. Another disadvantage is that it locks up capital. Sometimes the dealers have to fill their storage with coal they dare not sell and they cannot supply themselves with enough to fill the contract and non-contract demands."

Mr. O'Connor recommends that contract selling be abolished and large buyers forced to take delivery when they buy cheapest, namely, in the spring. This would leave storage free, and dealers would have money on hand.

THE GERMAN MIND

(London Daily Express.) Count John Bernstorff, professor to be outraged by the action of the British officials who searched the Frederik VIII. at Halifax. The mysterious trunk, now on its way to London, will probably fully explain that indignation. The count would be less angry if the officials had searched—and had not found. The German mind remains impossible to understand. The German indulges in all manner of "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" to serve his own ends, and when he is found out he is apparently convinced of the wickedness of the people who have discovered his plots. He wants to play a perpetual game of blind man's bluff, with the rest of the world blindfolded. To tear the handkerchief off our eyes is to be guilty of breaking the rules made in Germany. Great Britain was acting correctly in searching the steamship Frederik VIII. The search was thorough and systematic. Count John Bernstorff first suggests that the examination was mean, and then he adds that it was amateurish and ineffective.

HAMPDEN

A number from here attended the Presbyterian held in St. Andrew's church, Hanover. Mr. Ebenezer Geddes of Owen S'd motored to some of our surrounding towns on business, and made a few short calls on some of the Hampden people. Miss Crozier spent over the week-end with her parents at Palmerston. Miss Sarah Fulton of Markdale spent a few days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry. Mrs. Jas. Park is suffering from an injured knee, but we hope to hear of her speedy recovery. We are glad to see Mr. David Robinson out again. We hope his good health will continue. Messrs. John Henry and Clarence Young motored to Markdale on Friday last. Mrs. Wm. Marshall is under the weather at present. Messrs. Norman Kerr and Thos. McAlister motored through our burg en route to Hanover.

GERMANY THE CAUSE

(New York Herald.) Placing on the German Government direct responsibility for the atrocities committed on the Armenian and Syrian Christians. Theodore Roosevelt yesterday described those massacres as the culminating outrage in a war waged with inhuman barbarity. Mr. Roosevelt expressed his views in a letter sent to the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief, and read at a meeting held yesterday at the Hardware Club to raise funds for the destitute of those lands. "The atrocities of the Turks would be scarcely creditable if told of an age of brutal savagery, and as having been inflicted by a tribe of cannibals on a bitterly hated foe," Mr. Roosevelt wrote. "They seem unbelievable as having been inflicted upon a defenceless and loyal people by their own Government, with the full approval, if not connivance, of that Government's dominating masters—the rulers of Germany."

Last Friday is reported as the first day for months that Britain escaped loss from submarine atrocities.

CORNER CONCERNS

Arbor Day was duly observed at our school, and good work done, although we forgot to mention it in our last budget.

We are much pleased to learn of the promotion of Corp. Percy Ross to an instructor in a bombing school. We always maintained from the time we first saw him in charge of our academy two years ago that he would come to be a recognized teacher.

Messrs. John Brown and David Hamilton are the two latest purchasers of Ford cars in this part.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Tucker are spending a week with relatives at Wingham and Belgrave.

Mrs. Jas. Matthews of Durham is visiting her sons, Robt. and Earl, this week.

Miss Agnes Allan is leaving this week for Toronto, to try her hand at munition work.

Mr. Archie Allan is the latest from this part to volunteer his services for the defence of the country. Both women and boys of this place have done nobly during the war.

Corn planting is the order of the day with farmers, and the acreage soon will be large. Also, the potato acreage will be more than the average.

Mr. Arthur Lee, while hitching up his horse on Friday morning, received a kick that broke two of his ribs and left him helpless for a time. We hope he may soon recover. This is a very bad time for a young farmer to be laid up.

Rev. Mr. Dymond made his first call on the people of St. Paul's church last week, to see what work was needing to be done. He goes at his work in a business-like way, so we may expect progress under his charge.

St. Paul's Ladies' Aid will hold their annual picnic at Hamilton's Lake on Friday, June 15th. A good time will be provided for all, but some one will be made exceptionally happy, as the wood tickets will be all in, and the lucky one known. Come, everybody, to this most delightful spot, and enjoy yourself. Ten cents at the gate.

A new flag floats over the school-house now on holidays. It was procured through the efforts of our efficient teacher, Miss Ritchie, while the pole was the gift to the section of Mr. Wm. Marshall, and together they were the last request of the late Inspector Campbell; in fact, all his requests on that last visit have been carried out in detail, in remembrance that he was most considerate of the times and conditions of the ratepayers in asking for advancement.

The signs of the times are that automobiles have about reached their limit. When bicycles were the rage, the week succeeding the purchase of them by scrub-women to go to work on saw them slightly on the wane. When we heard a fortnight ago about autos being used in the meadow fields, we concluded their popularity was hovering around the turning point, but when we actually saw a fellow take

his auto to the pasture-field for the cows Sunday night, we decided their day had passed, and that aeroplanes will now be welcomed by the fashionable folks.

DEATH OF MRS. JAMES BOLGER

Mrs. James Bolger passed away in Guelph last Friday morning. The family resided in Owen Sound till about 14 years ago, when they moved to Shelburne, to engage in hotel business. When in Owen Sound, Mr. Bolger was connected with the Seldon House for a great many years. The Guelph Herald, of Friday, has the following reference to Mrs. Bolger's death:

"The death took place at an early hour this morning, after an illness extending over about a year's time, of Mrs. James Bolger, at her home at 150 Cambridge street. Mrs. Bolger had been confined to her home and to her bed for the best part of a year, and while her death was not unexpected, it came as a shock to the members of the family who were gathered around her bedside when the end came. The cause of her death was heart trouble. Deceased, whose maiden name was Margaret O'Neil, was born at Dornoch, Grey county, and was 53 years of age. She came to Guelph from Shelburne several years ago with her husband and family, and for three or four years Mr. Bolger conducted the City Hotel. Two years ago, the family removed to Peterboro, where Mr. Bolger purchased a hotel known as the White House. It was only two weeks ago that they came back to Guelph to reside. The late Mrs. Bolger was a devoted member of the Church of Our Lady, and was well and favorably known here. She was particularly interested in charitable work of all kinds. She leaves to mourn her loss her devoted husband, one son, James, and one daughter, Mrs. M. McCrae, both at home."

The funeral took place on Monday morning at 9 o'clock to the Church of Our Lady, thence to the Roman Catholic cemetery, Guelph.

RAPID RISE IN FLOUR IS SHOWN IN RETURN

The rapid increase in the price of flour is shown in a statement laid on the table of the House at Ottawa on Monday afternoon by Sir George Foster. At Winnipeg, commercial grades per barrel rose from \$3.40 in August to \$6.30 in December, and best patents from \$6.30 in May to \$9.90 in December. At Toronto, winter straights rose from \$5 in June to \$9.40 in November, and first spring patents from \$6.50 in April to \$10.40 in November.

At Montreal the increase in straight rollers per barrel was from \$4.75 in June to \$8.75 in December, and first spring patents from \$6.60 in April to \$10.45 in November.

SOUTH-EAST BENTINCK

In a letter to his uncle, Mr. John McKenzie, dated May 4th, from Somewhere in France, Pte. Will Knisley states that he had just received a pair of socks that had been knit by Mrs. Robt. Herd of Allan Park. We feel sure that Mrs. Herd will be pleased to hear that her socks found their way to a Bentinck boy.

Our annual picnic will be held in Mr. D. Donnelly's bush on June 26th. Further particulars will be given later on.

We are glad to report that Mr. Geo. Bauer is improving, after a severe attack of rheumatism. Mr. W. J. Vollett and sister, Miss Irene, visited recently with Holstein friends.

Mr. A. Knisley went to Holstein last Thursday, after receiving word of his father's death. The funeral came to Durham on Saturday, interment taking place in Durham cemetery.

The Red Cross sewing circle met at the home of Mrs. Robt. Webber Jr. last week. Twenty-five ladies were present. Collection, \$2.65. The meeting this week is to be held at Mrs. A. Knisley's, and on June 12th at the home of Mrs. Wm. Smith.

Miss J. Fortune of Avton visited last week-end with her friend, Miss Marion Petty.

Miss Jennie Davis of Traverston is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Robt. Webber.

Tuesday, June 5th, was the American registration day, and official information given out that nearly 10,000,000 Americans of military age registered for service in the army against Germany. There was no evidence of slacking, and little or no disorder. Virginia reported the first arrest, that of J.L. Litz, of Cooburn, who cursed the President, the administration and the flag. He is in custody, awaiting trial.

We have a stock of ground feed wheat on hand that we are offering for the next few days at \$40 per ton, sacks included. If you need feed, buy now, as we have only a limited quantity to offer at this price.—The Rob Roy Cereal Mills Company, Limited.

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