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COMPULSION IS NECESSARY.

Lieut.-Col. Mulloy created a sensation in Toronto by declaring, boldly, that recruiting could not be carried on successfully any longer on the voluntary plan. It is wonderful what has been accomplished in this direction, and under the influence of inspired leaders. But the time has come, if the aim of the militia department is to be reached, when resort must be had to some method of compulsion. This cannot be done until parliament meets, in the beginning of next year, and a law is then passed and a plan adopted. Meanwhile the government will have to assign the further direction of this recruiting business to a minister whose experience will have a moving effect when the time for compulsion comes.

What a lot of tawdry boulevards there are about the city. What has become of the town planning movement? What has happened to the taste of our people?

KEY TO THE SITUATION.

Why is Germany so determined to capture Verdun? Some light is being cast upon the situation by the French statesmen. Senator Bergeron, in a recent speech, said that Verdun commanded the basis of Briey, lying between Verdun and Metz. It is the gigantic key to the war. In this basin, in the territory annexed by the Germans in 1870-71, lie the great iron mines from which Germany extracted 22,000,000 tons of ore in 1914. In the territory which remained with France, 15,000,000 tons of iron ore were produced in the year before the war. Since the war began Germany has held all this territory and from it has supplied all her furnaces with iron ore, and France has been dependent upon Britain and the United States for her supplies. Germany wants to hold this basin forever, for industrial and commercial and political reasons. The siege of Verdun is the most costly feature of the campaign. Upon it depends, apparently, the success or failure of the German army on the western side.

Manitoba has snuffed out the agencies which were established in order to handle out-of-town liquor orders. The men who undertook to defeat the prohibition law have been promptly sat upon.

OUR PATRIOTISM.

There are several ways of showing it. The best way, while a war is on, is to enlist for active military service. The man who can do this, and falls, is marked. The man who would like to don the khaki and cannot, for medical reasons, is free to wear a badge, and through it proclaim to the world that he is a patriot. He cannot serve at the front, is unequal to its trials and fatigues, but is willing to serve at home in any capacity and boost the cause.

The man who would like to enlist and is restrained for substantial reasons, is worthy of compassion. His heart is in the right place. His zeal is heated unto the burning point. His ardor finds expression in many becoming ways. But, for reasons of state—because he is engaged in a work which is affected by the conditions of war, which is affiliated in a very real sense with the war itself—he is ordered to remain where he is. The man who has no ties to hold him, who is free in every way, who has no one dependent upon him, who hears the call to the colors and is wilfully deaf to it, who cannot be moved by the chaffing to which he is

daily submitted, is to be pitied, perhaps, more than condemned. There are others who do not belong to any of these classes and whose loyalty is in doubt. It is certainly of the colorless type. These are citizens who are not loyal to the city. They know that the only way to build up the community is to work for it. Its institutions must be supported. Its boundaries, by the industries it has or can acquire, must be enlarged. How? By investing the last dollar in local enterprise, in local trade, in local manufactures.

In some places there are great parades of those who believe in preparedness—for war, for enlistment, for the activities of the hour. If in Kingston a parade were ordered of all who are loyal to the city, what a spectacle it should afford! And how it should influence and convert and re-make every man who has by his manner, and by his speech, especially by his out-of-town trading, caused the impression to prevail that he is disloyal.

AMPLIFYING THE STORY.

The premier of Canada hails the recrudescence of the French national festival with the warmest admiration of the valour, spirit and achievements of France. He is confident that success will follow the work of the Allies in this struggle. Something worth while might follow if he made a trip through the province of Quebec, in the interests of recruiting, and amplified his story.

ATTENTION, MR. DUFF.

The receipt by the Whig of Bulletin No. 240, issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, suggests something that has long been upon the editor's mind. He believes in publicity, and it is the lack of this that is hurting the department. Here is a bulletin of exceptional value. It is made up of a series of papers by Prof. Jones, the bacteriologist of the Ontario Agricultural College. They deal with bacterial soft rot of vegetables, black leg of potatoes, black rot of cabbage, bacterial wilt of cucurbits, and bacteriosis of beans.

Ever farmer and every gardener in the province should have this information, and not one per cent. of them will ever see it. Why? The department does not publish the bulletins in sufficient number to meet the needs of the province. The cost of printing would be large and the postage would reach an enormous sum. The idea would not be to issue one bulletin, or half a dozen of them, and then suspend the publication. Rather these monthly papers should be sent out regularly, but in some form, and by some routine, that would insure their delivery to the people they are designed to help.

Here is the problem for the government, or for its publicity department, and if it has not such a department it should be provided at once. The Whig believes the papers, with illustrations supplied by the department, should be published in the local papers in every county of the province, for a consideration. Then some good would be accomplished by the Agricultural College specialists, and now they are largely wasting their time.

Dr. Pyne says that not a comma or a syllable of Regulation 17 will be changed. No? He tinkered with it once, and what is the guarantee that he would not tinker with it again? And suppose the Privy Council does not uphold the Regulation. What then?

MR. ROWELL RETIRING.

Mr. Rowell's absence has been commented upon as ill-timed and curious when an election was on or contemplated in Ontario. If he were in touch with his party he would be on hand to do battle in its behalf and as its provincial leader. The fact that he was not is accepted as an evidence that he is shipping for an early retirement. For what reason? It is not given, and it cannot be surmised.

When Mr. Rowell was summoned to the liberal leadership he let it be known that he was not in quest of political honours. He had many social and religious duties to perform, and duties that were congenial to him. He hesitated about accepting a position which meant serious obligations and sacrifices. He had, moreover, many views on public questions that might not harmonize with those of his fellow liberals. But they were views which he would not compromise on any account. With this definite understanding he was accepted. With him there has been no disappointment. He is a clean man, with marked power and personality, with advanced ideas, and with a policy wise progressiveness no one can challenge. He was a little ahead of his time on the prohibition question. Better than a little behind time.

Mr. Rowell retiring? Oh, no. He has put his hand to the plow, he is not going to turn back, and he is not turning over a lonely furrow as some one has said. His is a furrow of public conviction, and the fact that it is Mr. Hearst demonstrates by indicating that he is willing to take up Mr. Rowell's task and continue it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our Government, says a Conservative paper, cannot put an embargo on nickel. Not when it goes to Germany, to be converted into bullets and used for the slaughter of Canadians? What awful rot.

Australia has paid £130,000 each for the fifteen (not nine) steamships which it has bought for a direct trade with Britain this year. Trade with the Mother Country is to be the binding link with Australia.

Our friend Molloy, the enthusiastic recruiter, is weary of appeals to no purpose. It is not surprising. Most of the men who have a desire for military service have already donned the khaki. The material that is left must be sifted over by force of an arbitrary law.

The Hamilton Spectator says that Mr. Hay's time for repentance, for disinterested thoughts during an election, was before they were uttered. Similarly the time for reflection on the part of the Spectator for the harsh words it said about the Hearst Government was before they were printed.

The Orange Sentinel offers Mr. Hearst some consolation. His name will not go down to oblivion because he has dared to do the right thing. No man suffers because of his righteousness. The Canadian statesman whose memory is most revered is the man who said he did not give a hang for the people when he was right. The time for sympathy and support was when he was wrong.

PUBLIC OPINION.

A Just Wish. (Syracuse Post-Standard) Now for a Zeppelin merchant marine, and England may have all that lies between.

It Seems So. (Hamilton Times) Sir Adam Beck knew better than go into North Perth. He had seen the cat.

That's The Question. (Exchange) Well, then, why were we led to believe that all the nickel on this continent was mined in Canada?

Something Left. (Montreal Mail) The Irish question approaches a settlement, but the men of Ould Ireland are not despondent. There will still be Donnybrook Fair.

The Hating Suits. (Grandford Courier) It is said that bathing dresses this year are to be worn longer so as to distinguish them from street dresses they had been wearing. To have made 'em shorter would have resulted in some kind of an arrangement around the neck.

A Great Blunder. (Toronto Globe) The Toronto News writes of "Sir" should be kept with those who enjoin. Like many others who make of the Canadian forces might be more use of Ulster Orange votes, Carson useful, politically and otherwise.

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

GOOD NATURE. Good nature is one of the principal products of sunshine, and when a well rooted never fails to produce a bumper crop. When a person has become thoroughly saturated with kindness, good nature is his welcome at any social circle, especially around the family hearth at a time when the baby is cutting several shrill-voiced teeth and the apple pie has been thoughtlessly cremated in the oven.

Some people are born good-natured and others acquire it by dint of hard work. It is better to be born with a sunny disposition and a perpetual smile than to be a human toothache. On the other hand, many a person has started out in childhood without any visible signs of good nature, and after being hit below the belt by adversity has become mellow as the reddest apples. One fine thing about good nature is that it is as contagious as the red measles, but doesn't have to be quarantined. The minute a cheery, sparkling-eyed woman breaks into a gloomy gathering of the Ladies' Aid Society and begins to get rid of an accumulation of enthusiasm, energy and courage, she will infect the rest of the members to such an extent that it will be decided to re-paper the parsonage without a dissenting vote. No noble project, like buying a couple of non-skid casings for the pastor or removing the hitching posts from Main street, was ever accomplished by workers suffering from an internal groch.

Good-nature, when once durably located in the system, is not affected by sorrow, ill health or misfortune. Some of the best-natured people in the world are those who have no real-estate to lose. The crippled child is the sweetest flower of the flock. The old gentility, bound to a bed of pain, makes beautiful the ministry of suffering by her patience and unselfishness. When troubles come thick and fast, gentleness of spirit blooms at its best. We could all cultivate a little more good nature without starting any diet. The minute a cheery, sparkling-eyed woman breaks into a gloomy gathering of the Ladies' Aid Society and begins to get rid of an accumulation of enthusiasm, energy and courage, she will infect the rest of the members to such an extent that it will be decided to re-paper the parsonage without a dissenting vote.

Rippling Rhymes

THE AUTO

The auto fills a long-felt want, for it enables us to jaunt far from the city streets, and we can breathe the country air, and hear the toll-worn farmer swear, and watch him husking beets. Before the auto made its bow, we seldom looked upon a cow, or saw a set-sylvan dells we learned from books, write by some weary pen. The country seemed so far away! And when we'd toiled the long, sad day, we could not journey there; we stified in our dismal rooms, amid the city's smells and fumes, and longed for country air. The auto's brought the country near; and from our foreheads disappear the furrows and the frown; and we can take our willing wives and put some sunshine in their lives, by jogging out of town. Oh, we can seek the rural vales, and see the cattle wag their tails, and hear the roosters crow; and we can drink the country breeze, and wind our car around the trees, and chortle as we us all enthused; it makes each day a holiday, it drives the cares of life away—when it is sanely used.

is neither an Ulsterman nor an Orangeman.

A New Relationship. (Ottawa Citizen) We do not wish to perpetrate any atrocious puns on the name of the winner in North Perth, and will content ourselves with merely remarking that in view of the result the constituency must be regarded as a sort of Tory grass widow.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Andrew Lanigan and Police Constable James Megary are camping down the river catching lots of fish. The farmers of this district are very enthusiastic over the crop prospects.

LIBERAL PRESS.

Tribute to the Y.M.C.A.

Ottawa Free Press. In the British Empire there are over a thousand Y. M. C. A. centres. They are in every place where men are fighting or training to fight. The institution has 123 branches held the lines in France. These branches are doing a tremendous work in looking after the well-being of the men, in keeping up their spirits and the moral tone of the army. The soldiers are provided through the Y. M. C. A. centres with clean, healthful recreation. They assist in keeping the fighting men in touch with their homes. No less than \$5,000 a week is being spent by the Y. M. C. A. for stationery. The soldiers use it freely in writing to their relatives in England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. The maintenance of this connection with home is said to be all-important to the well-being of the soldier.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

An Unsavory Incident.

Montreal Mail. The riot that is reported from a military camp in Ontario is a most unsavory incident. Men who volunteer should not be subjected to conditions which invite this kind of conduct.

A number of units were recruited at London, Ontario, on the understanding that they would be encamped close to the city. Suddenly, they were ordered to disperse. London, Ontario, which had made elaborate arrangements for the entertainment of the soldiers, protested. The feelings of the men themselves are indicated by their recent conduct in camp. Citizens, soldiers ought not to be treated as if they were German conscripts. Discipline must be maintained, undoubtedly, but it is undesirable, in the case of volunteers, to be needlessly harsh. This Sir Sam Hughes seems to have been in mind when he ordered the soldiers at London to be transferred to the place where they had been ordered to re-paper the parsonage without a dissenting vote. The fact that he knew nothing about the understanding does not alter the fact that the men had enlisted on that understanding.

While the appeal is being made for recruits, it is essential that faith in the government be kept with those who enjoin. Like many others who make of the Canadian forces might be more use of Ulster Orange votes, Carson useful, politically and otherwise.

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Bibbys

The People's Judgment. Toronto Telegram. Sir William Meredith can put the Meredith-Duff report on the evidence submitted at the Shell inquiry in the waste basket. The people of Canada will put their report on that evidence in the ballot boxes. North Perth put in an interim report on the Shell Commission evidence yesterday. The result in North Perth is in part a report on the evidence submitted to the work of the Shell Commission and other Militia Department bangles. That report is prophetic as to what will happen in this province if Sir Robert Borden keeps the Ontario candidates of the party hooked up to Sir Sam Hughes, K.C.B., the Shell Commission and the Hon. Colonel J. Wesley Allison.

Ontario's Duty.

Toronto World. Now it is up to Ontario and it is up to Canada to bring back all the Canadian nickel from the United States to Canada that can be got hold of and to prohibit further exports to the United States. If it becomes necessary to refine some Canadian nickel in the United States for the use of the British Admiralty let Canada boss the job and own the nickel. Should it become necessary to sell some nickel to the United States Government let Canada deal with that situation. If the German Emperor wants to buy Canadian nickel to kill Canadian soldiers, let him apply direct to Ottawa, and not send word by American syndicates or Canadian K.C.'s.

"Pop" Geers is Dead.

Cleveland, July 15.—Ed. "Pop" Geers, one of the oldest drivers in the country, died on Thursday of a fractured skull received in driving in a practice brush at North Randall track. He struck a harrow, was thrown from his silky and fell under the feet of a horse. "Pop" Geers, who was seventy years of age, was to have taken part in next week's meeting at the local track.

At Valcartier "an irresponsible individual" ordered American flags off a touring car called the ensign "a dirty rag" and placed the people in the car under arrest. When the military authorities heard it ample apologies were offered.

A SPLENDID WAY TO REDUCE ONE'S WEIGHT There is, perhaps, no one thing that shows the passing of our youth so much as the horrible tendency of some of us to put on too much weight after we have reached the age of 25 or 30. However young our face may appear, our figures "give us away." The cause of this over-stoutness is that our stomachs convert the food we eat into fat because there is not enough oxygen in the blood to produce a proper combustion to destroy the fatty tissue. To reduce your weight go to a good druggist and get a bottle of orlone in capsule form, and take one after each meal. It is sold only in original sealed packages. Oil of orlone taken at meal-times gives you all the benefit of the food you eat, and at the same time dissolves the fatty tissue from any part of the body where there is excessive fat. In this way many have reduced their weight at the rate of about a lb. a day, and no habitiveness is left. Any druggist can supply you or a large size box will be sent on receipt of \$1.00 postal note or money order. Address L. J. Little Drug Co., Box 1240, Montreal, Can.

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