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A PLEA FOR PEACE.

There are a thousand plights that the truce, which Lloyd George secured in Ireland through the co-operation of the Irish parties, should be endangered by another display of petty partisanship. The disagreement, caused by the Marquis of Lansdowne, an irreconcilable, has more and more divided the commons, by the practical repudiation of the Lloyd George proposals, and become acute in the extreme.

The thing that by general consent contributed more than anything else to the discontentment of Ireland, and the outbreak of the Sinn Feiners, castly rule, is being restored, and the Nationalists protest against it in the most vehement language. Mr. Asquith was in perfect accord with the agreement on the outstart, and the Lohdon Chronicle quotes him as saying that there "would be no shackling of the Dublin Government with pettyfogging and humiliating restrictions such as the would-be wreckers of the settlement are cudgelling their wits to elaborate and multiply."

There is a good deal of force in the contention that Ireland forgot her troubles in the war, and made the greatest sacrifices in behalf of Britain's cause. Some of the most heroic service is being rendered by the Irish at this moment, and the Chronicle, a liberal paper and in closest touch with passing events, counsels that generosity, not coercion, will secure the loyalty, which the government seeks.

The Toronto World, Conservative, says that Dr. Pyne, like Hon. Mr. Hearst, has gone off for the good of his health, politically. If the doctor would go off somewhere for good, so far as the government is concerned, no one would kick very hard.

THE CASEMENT PENALTY.
Roger Casement had his friends up to the last. They were not his apologists. The petitions sent from the United States were understood. Politics rather than diplomacy suggest representations which please certain persons or groups, and they cost nothing, not even a twinge of conscience.

The British premier acknowledged the receipt of many communications, but neither he nor his government undertook to consider them and for the purpose of recommending a clemency which the circumstances did not warrant. The British courts of justice have the reputation of reaching wise and just conclusions, and when a conviction is rendered it usually stands.

The finest tribute that has yet been paid to the impartiality of the English bench was that of Dr. Sullivan, of Philadelphia, who was summoned to defend Casement, by the prisoner, and who, on reaching America, referred to the courtesy he had received and the fairness with which the case of his friend had been conducted.

The man being guilty of a heinous offence, one which did not admit of any palliation, it was imprudent, if not impolitic, of any one to plead for royal or political intervention, and the silence of the government upon the appeals for mercy carries with it a meaning the petitioners will never forget.

The Grand Master of the Orange Order has been criticized because he commended the Borden government in its prosecution of the war. And all that belongs to it? And all that Gen. Hughes has done? Surely not.

A TUPPER IN THE FRAY.

The activity of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper in the British Columbia elections, and his sincere desire to see the Bower government defeated, is causing some comment. Sir Hibbert has been against the Bower government ever since its formation. He has publicly denounced its infamous course generally. He opposed the McBride government, which ran its course and went out of office under a cloud. He wrote to the press, prior to the last election, and told the people what he thought of the administration, and all he then said in disparagement of it has since been verified.

It takes a strong man to openly criticize the party to which he has belonged, and to compass, or seek to compass, its defeat. It is not, however, conservatism that Sir Hibbert is fighting, but Bowerism, which is another name for political crookedness, for political turpitude of the most reprehensible kind. The man who has joined issue with the leader of the opposition is not disputing the tenets or principles of the conservative party. He is disputing the right of the most corrupt combination that ever held office to continue in power and to misuse it in the most shameful way.

The appeal of Sir Hibbert Tupper, jointly with H. C. Brewster, to the Canadian soldiers in England, who are to be allowed to vote in the election, will surely be attended with results of the most surprising character.

The minister of education is off for another season of rest in Europe. He is certainly not wearing himself out in the public service.

OUR MEMORIAL DAY.

This is our memorial day, the day on which we do more than remember that on it, two years ago, Britain declared for war upon Germany, in fulfillment of her promise, unless Germany respected the independence and neutrality of Belgium.

The nation pauses, or that part of it which is not represented at the front, and in active engagements, to reflect upon the events of the past two years. How thankful the British everywhere must be that their efforts, in conjunction with the efforts of the allied powers, have been successful in holding the invading Germans in check while they prepared for the driving back and defeat of these invading hordes. The first thought is of the thanks that are due to Almighty God for His guidance and sustaining power, for surely He has been with the Allies and will crown their labors with success.

Then we pause again, we of British connection and red blood of the British race, to pay homage to the dead. Our Empire has sacrificed some of its best life, and represented every class and condition of society, in the earlier stages of the conflict, when the ravages of battle superseded the ravages of to-day. The nobility of the race has fallen in the defence of purity, of righteousness, of virtue, of independence, of justice, and we bow in honest and heart-felt gratitude for these accomplishments. History may record the meaning of this war in many senses. It cannot put on record the obligations of the living to the dead as they are known and felt to-day.

Our last thought is of the faith that has moved our fathers in the struggle, and the faith that must move us if the conquests of to-day and the immediate future are to continue for our good. The Kaiser lifts his voice betimes to intimate that he is the humble instrument of the divine will in this war. He deceives himself. Let us avoid his foolishness, his sin, by professing something that we do not know or feel, but, in humble dependence on the Supreme Being, pursue our service to the nation faithfully and to the end.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A referendum could have preceded the enforcement of the Prohibition Act. The Liberals did not object to it. The government preferred, however, to act first and ask the people what they thought about it afterwards.

The Japanese ambassador at the Court of St. James says that Japan has supplied the Russians with most of the munitions with which they are smashing their way in the east. In this way Japan gets even with an empire that has plotted against it for fifteen years.

Both Mr. Wilson, the president of the United States, and a candidate for reelection, and Mr. Hughes, his opponent, are willing that the women shall have the franchise. Of course they are. Suppose congress does not grant it. What is to become of them?

Sir Hibbert Tupper is fighting the British Columbia government because "it has been marked by extravagance, incompetency, and wholesale corruption." He has signed a statement to that effect. Who dare challenge the honesty of his proceeding?

PUBLIC OPINION

Cost of Living
(Ottawa Journal)
It's nice to be told that there has been a decline in the cost of living, but we're from Missouri.

Hard Thoughts
(Hamilton Herald)
Does anybody view with regret the passing of July? It was a month that leaves memories like a nightmare.

Proud of Their Lickings
(Chicago Tribune)
It is always well to look on the bright side of things. The Austrians are beginning to brag of the lickings they get.

Afraid of Elections
(Hamilton Times)
There are fourteen vacancies in the Dominion House of Commons, and Premier Borden is afraid to open any of them.

The Hour's Wrong
(Ottawa Free Press)
A lot of Tory papers seem really perplexed at the problem they have discovered of how the Liberals are going to keep the liquor men in their party.

Appreciate the Change
(Montreal Mail)
If the British people are suffering from the heat, as we are, they will hardly appreciate being called the Kaiser the "ice-cold haberdashers of the Thames."

Orangemen at the Front
(Orange Sentinel)
There are fifty thousand members of the Order in Canada, fighting in France today, or getting ready to fight. Will the Order say that the Order is a useless institution when it can produce fifty thousand recruits for the Imperial cause.

The Kaiser the Man
(Guelph Mercury)
"Fryatt was murdered," said Premier Asquith in the British House yesterday. He further phrased the fact that when the time came those responsible would be punished. Let it be remembered that the Kaiser personally is in that list.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

H. D. Bibby was elected master of Meny Lodge No. 1 Prentice Boys. Dr. Dupuis and wife and R. Carson and wife, have left for the White Mountains.

Mr. Mooers, of the firm of Mooers and Company, has left for Duluth and the northwest to arrange with agents respecting the shipment of grain.

THE SEVEN TERRIBLE FACTS OF WAR.

London Chronicle.
Drink is interfering with the Army; it has caused grave delay with munitions. It has robbed the workshops of many millions of hours of labor, it hinders good workmen every day by keeping other workmen away.

It is interfering with the Navy;

Random Reels

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

THE BOARD OF TRADE
The Board of Trade is a place where men put down money and guess how far No. 1 wheat will jump inside of thirty days. If the jump falls to shatter any of the existing records several embittered operators drop off the board in a noiseless manner and apply arnica bandages to their wounds.

It costs a great deal of money to get on the board of trade, and sometimes it costs several times as much to get off. Every year some new braah member from the far west is admitted to membership by paying \$50,000, and repeating one of Jesse James' favorite passages of Scripture, and a few months later retires by the rear door with a vast amount of helpful experience and a check book shot as full of holes as a coffee strainer. Nobody ever joined the Board of Trade with the pious idea of showing up the old members without breaking down in the middle of the third verse and backing off the stage with a wan, pinched look.

Backing the Board of Trade continues to be the favorite pastime of sanguine citizens who have access to other people's money and who almost fact hammered into his system ways know that mess pork is due for a phenomenal ascension by September 1st. Many a trusted Sunday oil.

Rippling Rhymes

LOYALTY

Johnson says that Jones is wrong, and swears that he can prove it, but my belief in Jones is strong, and idle tales can't move it. I have much confidence in Jones, who is a goodly fellow, and I would lend him seven bones without a kick or bellow. My neighbors come to me and say, "Jones is a low down sinner; he carried off a bale of hay that we had bought for dinner." But I believe that Jones is right, as honest as the chickens, and I would trust him any night around my coop of chickens. I fill my beaker to the brim with buttermilk, and toast him, for I will not go back on him; because the neighbors roast him. My friends and comrades I select, without the town's assistance; and if some gents don't seem correct, I keep them at a distance. And if I find a friend O.K., I will not shake or flout him for anything the neighbors say, for yards they tell about him.

It has caused Admiral Jellicoe grave anxiety by delaying ships, placing transports at the mercy of submarines, slowing repairs and congesting docks.

It is interfering with shipping; it has used up over 60,000,000 cubic feet of space since war began, and it delays the building of ships to replace our losses.

It interferes with our food; since the war began it has used up 3,000,000 tons of food, with more sugar than the British Army.

It interferes with the Treasury; it has been in vain for our peoples' savings, but the people pour \$500,000 a day into our public houses.

It interferes with vital supplies; it uses up the produce of 1,000,000 acres of land, and during the war has used 3,000,000 tons of coal.

WOULD KNIGHTHOOD BE A REAL HONOR?

Ottawa Citizen (Conservative).
Some of the most prolific war profiteering in Canada has been put through by Canadian knights in close touch with the political tool shop on Parliament Hill. One Toronto knight boasted in a stock boosting circular of having made a profit of \$200,000 on an order for machining 100,000 eighteen pounder shells; the total cost of the work amounted to \$180,000 and the Dominion Shell Committee awarded him \$380,000 for doing it. With more war fat following.

When knighthoods have been conferred upon Sir Richmond Roblin, Sir Richard McBride, Sir Rodolphe Forget, Sir Henry Pellatt, and other comrades in arms, and ammunition and bonds of empire guaranteed, what can the King do to honor a plain man like Frank Baillie, president of the Baillie and Wood Company of Hamilton? The company under the name of the Canadian Cartridge Company, has manufactured one million 18 pounder cartridge cases and handed back the surplus of \$758,148 above cost to the Imperial treasury.

The Dominion minister of militia, Sir Sam Hughes, thanked Mr. J. Wesley Allison from the government side of the House of Commons for the services he had rendered. What public recognition is the Dominion government preparing to give to the firm of Baillie and Wood, or to Mr. Frank Baillie, of Hamilton? Will there be any honor in receiving recognition from such a source.

BLOODGUILTINESS IS CHARGED.

Toronto World (Conservative).
For years the government has been telling the people of Ontario that it is not expedient to clear the agricultural land. We have been assured that the timber was a rich possession of those who went west to live among it. The lesson was given in 1911, but the government continued their old system. The lesson is repeated. Must it be repeated again? Here is a paragraph from a report. It merely echoes the spirit of the messages sent constantly for ten years past: "Terrible as has been the loss of life, and the toll is daily mounting, there are features of the terrible forest fire which are not without their blessings.

For instance, farms in the bushland that were about fifty cents an acre on Friday last, are today cleared, and are now worth anything up to \$2,000 for the whole farm. The fire demon did the clearing in a brief half-hour, what it would have taken many weary months of toil to accomplish."

Months here, should be years. The minister of lands and forests, who permits settlement to go on under the old conditions, will have the blood guiltiness on his head of the next batch of victims whenever another forest fire sweeps through a settled bush district.

It would be easy to organize a clearing force, and the increased value of the land and the additional inducements to settlers to locate in Ontario would be the immediate practical reward of such a policy, not to mention the removal of risk to human life.

LIQUOR QUESTION OUT OF POLITICS.

The Globe (Liberal).
Mr. Rowell and his followers voted for the Hearst Government measure of temporary prohibition during the war, leaving to the electors in 1919 the question as to whether prohibition shall become permanent. The adoption of this legislation takes the liquor question out of politics. If Mr. Rowell comes into power before 1919—which is not improbable—he will find prohibition in force in respect to hotels, clubs, and shop licenses. It will remain in force unless the electors themselves repeal the law. Mr. Rowell, his supporters in the legislature, and temperance reformers throughout the Province, including the Globe, will do what in them lies to prevent repeal and to keep Ontario "dry."

What more does Mr. Lawson want?

He Agreed to Pay.
A lively episode occurred on Thursday evening in the Home Lunch restaurant. Some soldiers were getting a meal, when one of them lifted up his cane, catching it in the big electric fan. Two of the arms were broken off, and as the man did not seem anxious to pay for the damage done, the proprietor called in the police. After a little persuasion the soldier gave his name and agreed to pay the bill for fixing the fan.

Making Application.
Applications are beginning to come in now for the Y. M. C. A. Boys' camp which will be held at Grenadier Island from August 17th to 30th. It is expected that this camp will be just as successful as the one held in July. On the conclusion C. R. Powers, the physical director, is taking a number of boys for a canoe trip down the Rideau river.

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Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, widow of the late British statesman, and the Rev. William Hartley Carnegie, rector of St. Margaret's and Canon of Westminster, were married at Westminster Abbey on Thursday.