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THE POLITICAL TREASURIES.

The political parties in the United States have, as required by law, been printing the amounts they have so far contributed, for political purposes. The republicans lead, as they always do. They appear to represent the richer men, and the total contributions up to the present amount to over \$1,600,000. This amount is nearly spent. Only two large sums are referred to, the gifts of personal friends and for \$30,000 and \$20,000 respectively. Subscriptions came from 22,226 persons in this election, as compared with about 2,000 in the last election. The democratic exhibition is even more attractive. The receipts have been over \$1,000,000, and they have come from 41,882 persons. One friend and graduate of Princeton with Mr. Wilson, put in \$75,000. Mr. Wilson added his mite of \$2,500. Mr. Gerard, the German ambassador, gave \$7,000. There is practically nothing left of this money in the treasury.

The campaign is reaching a close, and with less than the usual noise. There are inferences which may not be correct, but it is generally admitted that the candidates are pursuing a sort of still hunt, accepting losses and gains and not knowing what they portend for the present. The election of either Mr. Hughes or Mr. Wilson will be attended by surprising circumstances.

Canada, says the Telegram, is protected from an invasion by the British navy in the North Sea. What about the German submarine menace in the Atlantic Ocean? Is Canada protected from it?

SIR HECTOR MACDONALD.

A very interesting story is going the rounds of the press, and to the effect that the man who is leading the Russians in the east with consummate skill, and known as Gen. Brusiloff, is Sir Hector Macdonald. Sir Hector rose from the ranks in the British army to one of Britain's greatest warriors. After visiting England he set out for Ceylon, and stopped over in Paris. This was in 1903. He was under a cloud and facing a court-martial for some serious offence.

He was said to have suicided by shooting, but the New York Sun declares that it was a man in the next room of the hotel who took his life, that Macdonald donned his clothing and escaped without detection. He turned up later in Port Arthur in the Russo-Japanese war, and was recognized by British soldiers who were sent there to protect British interests. Brusiloff, the Russian general, is said to resemble Macdonald in his build and appearance, and the story of his identity gathers force because of the fact that Mrs. Taylor, a relative, says that Gen. Macdonald is known as Gen. Brusiloff, and she bases this statement on the fact that relatives have had communication with him. A coffin, said to contain the remains of the distinguished soldier, was conveyed from Paris to Scotland in 1903, and interred in a little cemetery just outside of Edinburgh. "But," says Mrs. Taylor, "we all felt that the casket contained nothing but lead."

Macdonald may reappear. Others have redeemed themselves in the great conflict, accepting every danger of battle, and by valiant service purging themselves of every tresspass and dishonor. Sir Hector's loss and recovery would be a conspicuous feature of the war.

The latest phrase from the trenches, supplanting Tipperary, and every other touch of the vernacular is, "Nah, then, what abbat it?"

WANTED: MEN OF COURAGE.

One must admire the courage of the premier of Australia, who, seeing his public duty, promises to perform it without fear, favor, or affection. The tumult of opponents, the rising tide of disapprobation in some quarters, and the threat of political extinction do not deter him in the least. The voluntary enlistments fell off in September, and without some measure of compulsion, or rather without the resort to conscription so far as the service outside of Australia is concerned, it was clear that the Commonwealth could not fulfill its promise of a certain number of men at a certain time, and he acted.

Suppose he is defeated—and there is every prospect of it—what then? Mr. Hughes, the greatest outstanding figure in colonial life, will retire from office and leave to others the responsibility of dealing with the issues of the day. He will not go into retreat or retirement. He will not shrink or neglect any duty which belongs to him as a good citizen. No, that is not what one may expect from a man of his particular calibre. He will still be active in public service, and it will be amazing if he is not called upon, while the war still continues, to resume the direction of public affairs, and carry out the plans to which he is committed.

Mr. Hughes' attitude at the present time is worthy of study by Canadians who are divided as to what should be done in order to stimulate recruiting. There are some, a rapidly increasing number, who believe that compulsion must come if all parts of Canada are to contribute, as they should, to the calls for service. There would be no "laggard province" with registration, and the government would have the power to call men out when there was occasion for it. What Canada wants is more of the serious talk which Mr. Rowell has been handing out.

At a great meeting in Toronto he emphasized the seriousness of the situation by declaring that the men at the front, in the trenches, can only be relieved as the forces in England are prepared to replace them, that repeatedly units sent from Canada had to be divided up in order to reinforce the wasted regiments, and that this process keeps back the formation of divisions which are intended to replace the fatigued forces in the field. Mr. Rowell cannot spread himself all over Canada to enlighten and inspire, but his enthusiasm can be transmitted to others, and by them used for the good of the cause. "Public opinion," says Mr. Rowell, "will endorse courageous, efficient leadership in the organization of affairs," and it is a suggestion which should be accepted willingly by those who are in authority.

EDITORIAL NOTES.  
Shall we give up Ontario? asks the London Free Press. To whom? On what account?

A census of fighting men is being discussed at Ottawa. Very good. But after the census, what?

A Halifax clergyman, and a conservative, protests against the vilification of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He should have written to the Toronto News. It is the chief offender.

The Merritt Home, in St. Catharines, has been equipped at large expense for convalescing soldiers, and so far it has not been sent any of them. What has St. Catharines done to merit this apparent slight?

Mr. Ahern, of Ottawa, interviewed by the New York Times, said that Hon. Mr. Rogers had lent a sympathetic ear to the call of the motorists for a transcontinental road. Mr. Ahern says that "what Mr. Rogers undertakes he will do." Really?

There are seventeen constituencies without representation in the Commons at the present time, and there will not be any elections before the House meet. The government does not want to invite contests. Public feeling is running against it strongly.

Mr. Rowell has been asked to give his war story in Kingston. He wanted to address the friends and relatives of the men at the front, and it will be a great disappointment if his wishes in this respect are not gratified.

Oleomargarine is barred out of Canada. Why? Is it not a pure food? Is it not a good substitute for butter? When the fats of the milk cannot be bought by some people a substitute should be allowed and oleomargarine seems to be acceptable.

Several members of the Commons would like to be appointed to the Senate where they could rest themselves for the balance of life free from political worry. But the government will not increase the number of vacancies in the Commons. After the next elections there will not be any more tory appointments for a while.

An Easy Game.  
(Windsor Record)  
Moderate drinkers are now able to demonstrate how easy it was to cut out the booze game.

PUBLIC OPINION

Had the Coin.  
(Guelph Mercury)  
We were watching to see if those Winnipeg editors who were fined paid the amount, or issued debentures.

Spectacle of the Hour.  
(Exchange)  
Next to the thrills of a three ring circus comes the spectacle of the old man, lone-handed, putting on the upstairs storm windows.

Getting Hard Usage.  
(Ottawa Free Press)  
The old Niobe's depot vessel remaining in harbor, the old scars of battle she's able to show being of the political variety.

It Would Indeed.  
(New York Herald)  
When the Lusitania was sunk diplomatic relations should have been severed and Count von Bernstorff should have been sent home, but would not have meant war.

Good Advice, But—  
(Guelph Herald)  
Advice is given to save on butter and eat "dripping." The advice is good, and would, no doubt, speedily bring results, but how is the average individual going to get the dripping with meat the price it is?

A Doubtful Report.  
(Montreal News)  
To a correspondent we beg to state the report that ex-Honorary Colonel John Wesley Allison has been appointed head of the Lindsay arsenal in Sir Sam Hughes' home-town, is not warranted by the facts, so far as we know. Better ask Sir Sam.

Whig Ails Recruiting.  
(Ottawa Citizen)  
The Toronto Mail and Empire thinks that the slowness of recruiting may be due to criticisms of the Government. Which handles the case Wesley Allison and the 750 per cent. Montreal Ammunition Company to step outside to see if the flag is up.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

There was a large market, 10-day. Potatoes and turnips sold at 45 cents per bag, apples from 50c to 75c per bag; butter, 22 cents per pound; pork, 5c to 8c per pound by the quarter; chickens, 50c per pair.

There are thirty students in theology at Queen's University.

During the year ending Oct 31st the registered letters handled in the Kingston post office were: Mailed at Kingston, 18,776; passing through Kingston, 20,953; letters delivered in Kingston, 30,600. The great benefit of the registered system is exhibited by the fact that not a single registered letter was lost during the year.

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TO THE HEROES AND GRAVES OF VERDUN

Lloyd-George, Secretary for War.  
The name of Verdun will awaken in future ages an imperishable memory. None of the great feats of arms with which the history of France is filled has better displayed the highest qualities of the French army and the French nation, and this bravery and this devotion to the fatherland to which the world has always paid homage, have been reinforced by a coolness and a tenacity that need not for comparison with British phlegm.  
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A DREAM THAT IS NOT FULFILLED

Syracuse Post-Standard.  
The professed aim of the Rhodes scholarship foundation was, to promote "a community of sympathy and interest," not only in Anglo-Saxon countries, but in the "entire world, so that "an understanding between the great Powers will render war impossible.

While England's colonies received sixty scholarships, and each of the United States received two, Germany was given fifteen. The House of Commons now seeks to nullify the terms of Cecil Rhodes's will with respect to the German beneficiaries.

Residence at Oxford did not turn the fifteen German students each year into Englishmen, and there is no proof that it affected the sentiments of these men towards England. Upon their return to Germany they did not preach the gospel of international good will. It was for the purpose of promoting internationalism, and no other, that the scholarships were established.

But Rhodes scholars have not affected the trend of German or American sentiment, or the deeper currents of their national life, nor have they seriously affected their educational development. It has been a pleasant and worth-while experience for the men who have been sent to Oxford, but that is all.

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