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THE SOLDIERS AS VOTERS.

There will not be much discussion, as there will not be much difference of opinion, upon the bill which enfranchises every man who wears the king's uniform. Age and color will not count, except in the case of the Indian. If he is in Canada, though in khaki, when the election occurs, he cannot vote, but overseas, either in England or in France, he will be the equal of any white man and cast his ballot for or against the government or the independent as the case may be. The nurses will vote also with the soldiers, and in the same way. A month will transpire between the nomination and the election, so that every opportunity will be given the soldiers to vote, with returning officers in England, France and Canada, to tabulate and announce results. The figures will be cabled from across the ocean, and the records will follow later in verification of them. There is the promise of such information as will guarantee the accurate registration of the votes. Where they are known the names may be written upon the ballots, and for the surer identification of the candidates.

The Toronto Telegram declares that Laurier will be the issue in the election. The Whig declares that Borden will be the issue. Borden is responsible for the mess that now prevails at Ottawa, without the power of cleaning it up, and without the gumption to stand aside and let some one else do it.

THE WOMEN IN POLITICS.

The federal government has announced that the women will be enfranchised before the next election. Not all of them, but the wives and mothers and female dependents of the Canadian soldiery. They have a large interest in the war, to be sure, and a share of which they are more conscious than any others. The families of the fighting men know most about them, about their privations, their sacrifices, their need of the succor which can only be afforded through the recruits that Canada should supply without delay.

The Whig recalls the enquiry which a prominent English woman made of the prime minister with respect to the part the women should take in the reconstructive work of the country. The Fabians were represented, and the Workers' and Soldiers' Councils, "but," asked Lady Asquith, "who represents us, the mothers, wives and sisters of the fighting men? We have made sacrifices for the country. We are in a large majority. We claim a voice in the direction of its future. Why are we considered last?" It was a pertinent enquiry, and one which the Hon. Lloyd-George did not answer. But it cannot be ignored. The prime minister of Canada will make no mistake in assuming that the women of Canada, the relatives of the soldiers, will, while appreciating the franchise, want a hand, as the women of England demand, in the direction of the country's future.

If the war were the only issue before the Canadian people it would be all right to limit the larger franchise to the soldiers' dependents or relatives. But there are other considerations, and all the eligible women of Canada should receive the justice that they were promised. Before the next election the women of Canada were to be given votes, the

votes they know so well how to cast, and it looks as if they were being trifled with. The premier has given his word and if it is lightly regarded the people are not to blame.

NO TIME FOR PEACE.

The peace proposals to which Pope Benedict has given his imprimatur are not of his suggestion. They bear the ear-marks of Germany, though they have emanated from Austria. His Holiness does not say that he passes the proposals on from the Central Powers to the Allies for their consideration. But he could have done this without betraying the confidence of anyone or power. In various ways and times Germany has intimated that she longs for peace. She desired it most at the time she had spread out her invading armies and occupied the largest foreign territories. Then the chances seemed to be the most favorable for a settlement in her favor.

The Pope refers to certain essential things, looking to a temporary lull in the war and a plan of diplomatic service—the restoration of Belgium, and the occupied portions of France to the kingdom and the republic; the restoration of her colonies to Germany; the freedom of the seas; the right to resume commercial relations with the world. It would be a great stroke of fortune if Germany could escape the penalties which her atrocities involved. The reparation for rapine and murder; the piracy which has marked every step of the war thus far; the atonement which she must make for the tragedies, the deviltries and the infamies she has committed. The Supreme Pontiff is not oblivious to all this awful record. Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium, as one of his ambassadors, has given him a graphic account of the manner in which his people have suffered from the terrible Hun.

There is no desire to minify the dreadful exhibit. At the best the Pope may seek only a cessation of the hostilities to the end that an opportunity may be given for the diplomatic missions which must assuage the damages and open the way for settlement on a satisfactory basis. The horrors of the war have distressed the church, but the church cannot hope to usurp the functions of the Allies in correcting the crimes of Germany in a fit and proper way.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

What is the good of any commission if its work will not be accepted? The rejection of the Railway Commission's report on the Canadian Northern case is a most remarkable experience.

Germany is anxious for peace without repentance and reparation. This is suggestive of the bully. He wants no favors until he is whipped and then he cries out against the punishment which is his due.

The Telegram had it that Chief Justice Meredith had been invited to lead a new federal government. Sir William had been merely asked to act as an arbitrator in the Canadian Northern case. This is more to his taste.

The Toronto World says that there will be no announcement made with regard to the reconstruction of the federal government until after the prorogation of the house. And no recruiting and no conscription meanwhile? The country will never forgive the premier for his indecision.

Mr. Guthrie, M.P., strongly favors a national or coalition government, anything non-political that will win and end the war, coupled with a conscription of wealth as well as men, and especially the taxation of all excess profits. Most liberals will stand for that.

The irregularities in registering the soldier vote at the front defeated prohibition in British Columbia for the time being. The experience, however, should be a warning against loose methods in registering the vote in the approaching federal election.

The Royal Commission said the common stock of the Canadian Northern Railway had no value. Sir Thomas White says the commission overlooked several important items, and he has asked Chief Justice Meredith to look them up and put an arbitrator's value upon them. Strange that the Royal Commission, which was headed by Sir Henry Drayton, should be so neglectful.

PUBLIC OPINION

A Discovery.
(Toronto Globe)
Hon. "Bob" Rogers never knew until now with what love and esteem he is held in the editorial sanctum of the Conservative Press.

inform the British government, how to run the empire.

Foolish Men.
(Hamilton Spectator)
Some farmers are reported to be allowing their crops to rot rather than pay the wages asked a concrete case of cutting off the nose to spite the face.

Life of Unity.
(St. Thomas Journal)
The "beautiful unity" that prevails in the Conservative party is seen once more in the Borden-Hughes row over Mr. George Perley's appointment.

Harden Reduced.
(Toronto Mail)
Max Harden's paper has been suppressed and he has been made a military clerk. This will entitle him to wear a uniform, and elbow the peasantry of the sidewalk.

Must Clean House.
(Peterboro Examiner)
If Borden is anxious for a National government he must clean house first. The whitewashing of Rogers has been the biggest barrier to the organization of a union government.

HON. A. G. M'KAY AND GOVERNMENT

From an interview.
"The war administration of the Borden Government has destroyed the confidence of the people. The test is in the war to the finish. It has recruited as has no other parts of the Dominion, and it knows that voluntary recruiting has never yet had an even decent chance. It knows that, from beginning to end, recruiting has been carried on in spite of the blunders, the inefficiency and worse of the Borden Administration. It believes that voluntary enlistment under earnest, honest and enthusiastic Government leadership, should have a fair chance before any measure is adopted which may cause national dishonour and strife. It believes that Sir Wilfrid Laurier can give that leadership and can win from every Province of the Dominion recruiting records which will insure Canada's whole-hearted and spontaneous participation in the struggle till the victory is won. If this trial is made and fails—fails, as it can only fail, through the discouragement and mismanagement given by the present Government in the past—then the West is ready for conscription and prepared to support it to the end. The West believes in a National War Government formed after a general election when Parliament comes direct from the people and has public confidence. Our resolutions speak for themselves and speak plainly. There is no cause for politicians to try to lead into them anything but what their words clearly and unequivocally declare."

BOURASSA COUNSELS AGAINST VIOLENCE

Le Devoir, Montreal.
As to acts of violence, there is none that is legitimate or excusable. To shoot at a recruiting officer is a useless crime and a manifest injustice; it amounts to punishing the innocent. To threaten to threaten the life or the property of those whom one may hold responsible for the tyrannical law is not more permitted. To act in such a way is tantamount to destroying moral basis, the only motive for legitimate resistance to military servitude—the objection of conscience to the use of violence.
"Those who advise or suggest these acts of violence are either

criminal or they are irresponsible. They hurl on the path of crime unhappy young men who will be the first victims. They bring on many innocents as bloody reprisals. They put in jeopardy the liberties of a whole people. They made themselves the most efficient agents of the enemies of our race. That most of them are doing this odious work unconsciously I am willing to believe, but if among these some were paid by the enemy the fact would not be surprising.

A great number of Protestant historians accept the theory of the Gunpowder Plot, that is was provoked, if not organized by Robert Cecil in order to justify a general persecution of the Catholics. There are among us demagogues fully capable of inciting a few French-Canadians to acts of violence in order to provoke an explosion of anger among English-Canadians and prevent mutual understanding by all true Canadians who wish to save the remnants of social order. No Canadian has the right to help these abominable schemes.

These words will not please all. I care not. We will not be the accomplices of demagogues.

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IRE OF VETERANS HAS BEEN AROUSED

Hamilton, Aug. 16.—The local branch of the Great War Veterans' association, at its last meeting, strongly scored a number of city firms who have been in the habit of employing returned soldiers to do canvassing work and to solicit orders for various articles. In many cases an endeavor was made to get the men to wear their uniforms, and thus take advantage of the sympathy of the people to make large sales. This is strictly against the law, and any cases which come to the notice of the association will be dealt with summarily. Some of the members of the executive were most emphatic in their views of some of the firms as besides taking advantage of the returned heroes they were trading on the generosity of the public.

ONTARIO CROPS GOOD.

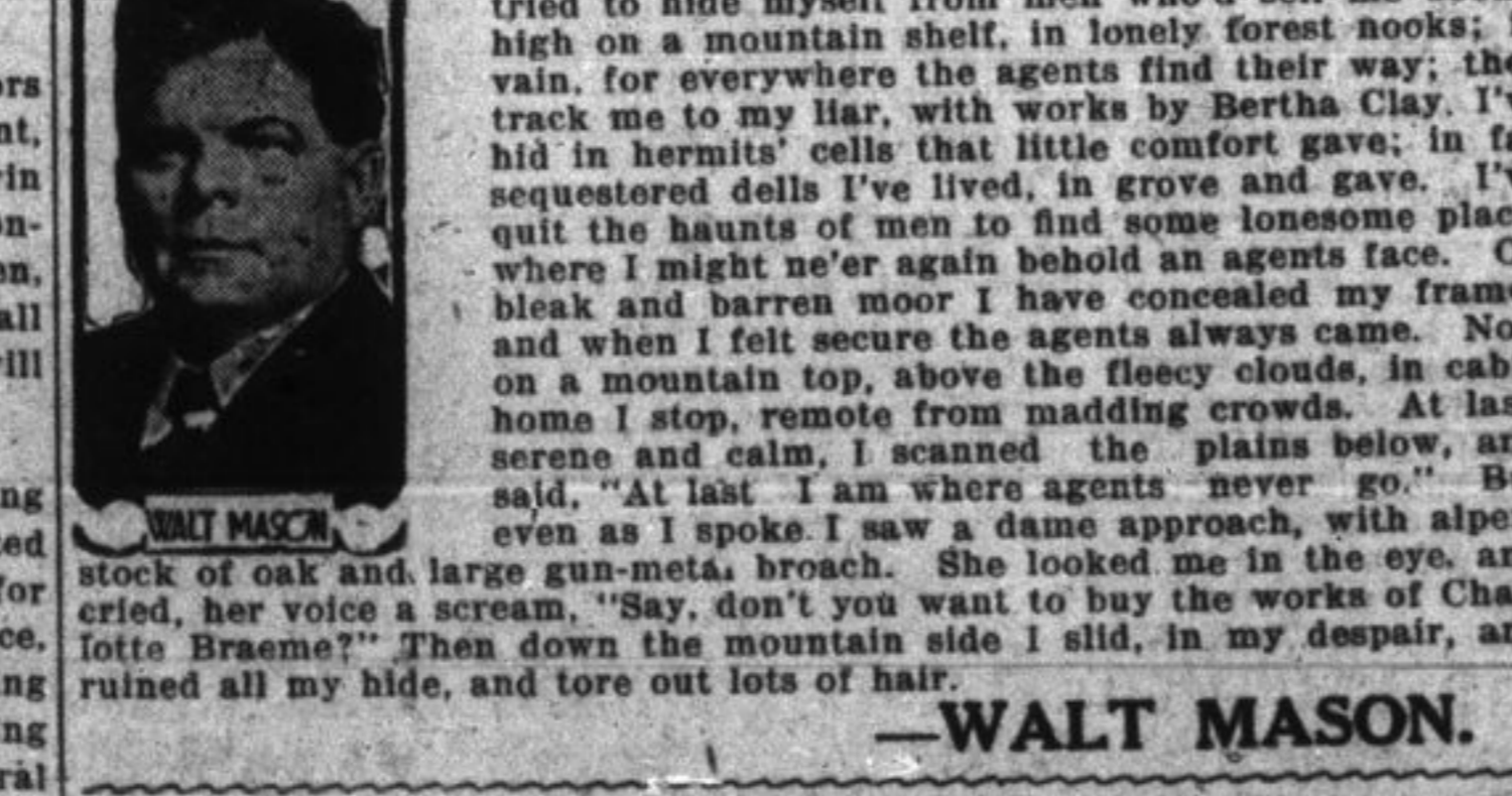
Most of the Fall Wheat Cut and Housed.
Toronto, Aug. 16.—Most of the Ontario fall wheat has been cut and housed, says the weekly report of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, but some is yet in the shock. In yield per acre it will be about an average crop, although the returns per acre vary greatly, even in the same localities. Spring wheat will be above its average in yield and in the length of straw. Rye has a similar record to that of fall wheat. Barley never showed to better advantage, taking quantity and quality of both grain and straw into consideration. A fair portion of the crop already has been harvested. Oat fields, as a rule, have been a revelation of growth.

WOMEN SECTION HANDS.

Lehigh Valley Railway Cannot Get Male Laborers.
Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 16.—The shortage of men has necessitated employment of women laborers on railroads here. The Lehigh Valley Railroad have put a gang of women to work on the western end of the Rochester division, and another gang in Genesee County. The women are performing all the regular duties of similar gangs of men, tightening bolts, putting in new ties and tamping ballast.

Rippling Rhymes

THERE'S NO ESCAPE
There is no early spot, no cavern in the snow, no desert blazing hot, where agents do not go. I've tried to hide myself from men who'd sell me books, high on a mountain shelf, in lonely forest nooks; in vain, for everywhere the agents find their way; they track me to my lair, with works by Bertha Clay. I've hid in hermits' cells that little comfort gave; in far quiet haunts of men to find some lonesome place, where I might ne'er again behold an agent's face. On bleak and barren moor I have concealed my frame; and when I felt secure the agents always came. Now on a mountain top, above the fleecy clouds, in cabin home I stop, remote from madding crowds. At last, serene and calm, I scanned the plains below, and said, "At last I am where agents never go." But even as I spoke I saw a dame approach, with alpenstock of oak and large gun-metal brooch. She looked me in the eye, and cried, her voice a scream, "Say, don't you want to buy the works of Charlotte Braeme?" Then down the mountain side I slid, in my despair, and ruined all my hide, and tore out lots of hair.



THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

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WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THAT FORTY DOLLAR HAT WIFEY - IT LOOKS REAL CHIC
NO - I'D RATHER HAVE THIS TWO DOLLAR HAT - IT BECOMES ME MUCH BETTER



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