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THE CALL FOR A LEADER.

Any combination or arrangement between the parties at Ottawa, for a union government, must be of a temporary character. It must resemble the war government which serves in England, which has had its troubles and tribulations, yet holds to its plans with an intensified devotion. Later, when the war clouds have rolled away, there may be a return to party government, as that appears to be the best suited for this country. In the next election, there will be conscriptionist liberals and conscriptionist conservatives. They will act in harmony until peace has been restored, without it is hoped, any evidence of party favoritism or party prejudice.

The question for the liberals is, who will lead them? Sir Wilfrid Laurier has made a third statement, on the invitation of the Hamilton Win-the-War League. He has amplified his position on the issues of the day. He has been accused of rejecting the overtures of the Borden administration, and he explains how it was impossible to accept them under the circumstances. A coalition should precede a definition of policy, while he was expected to assist in carrying out a policy, with respect to which he was not consulted. One can accept the argument, that an extension of the term of parliament was not feasible with the west inadequately represented and so many seats in the Commons vacant, but Sir Wilfrid is still wedded to a referendum upon the question of conscription, or an election out of which may rise a government that will be composed of the ablest of all classes, with a desire to prosecute a vigorous and compact system of voluntary enlistment. He does not say the word for which an expectant party waits—that all other expedients failing he will resort to conscription in order that Canada may maintain her army at the front.

Already the effects of his statement are apparent. There is a call for another leader. It is most insistent in the west. It may be that at the close of the session Sir Wilfrid Laurier may summon his parliamentary supporters and place his resignation in their hands. It will be for them to put on record a proper tribute to his greatness, to express the gratitude of the party for the splendid and unselfish service he has rendered during the many years he has been in public life. It will be theirs to select a successor to him. One thing is surely certain: The party must have a leader and a policy on which they can unite. Its chief plank must be conscription, of course, but there will be many other planks, as the western liberals have demonstrated, and it takes time to weld them into a programme which will win the approval of every liberal in the Dominion.

The World does not expect an election until March. All depends upon the formation of the national government.

SUPPRESSING A REPORT.

The Canadian minister of militia in England is suppressing the Col. Bruce report upon hospital accommodation. There can hardly be any doubt of this. The report has been in the hands of Sir George Perley for some time. He has had ample opportunity to peruse it and make

any reply which he desires. But until Sir Sam Hughes demanded its production in Canada, backed by the demands of other members of parliament, nothing was done towards the production of it. Enquiries would be made. That was the substance of the replies of the premier and others speaking in his behalf. Persistent calls for the report have brought some result. It is now learned that Sir George Perley has made some explanation, but the premier has been too busy to read it.

Meanwhile Sir Sam Hughes has published data which appears to establish certain facts, to wit: That Col. Bruce was the mover in the improvements in the Orpington Hospital; that Sir George Perley demurred and even upbraided Col. Bruce for communicating his views direct to the premier of Ontario. Practically all of his recommendations have been carried out; that Col. Bruce has been punished for his temerity by Perley refusing him the promotion which usually attends the transfer of an officer from one branch of the service to another; and Lieut.-Col. Wilson, of Niagara Falls, for his exposure of certain defects, has been degraded in rank and service and treated in an exceptional way.

The demand grows for the Bruce report and for all that Perley has to say about it, and Bruce threatens that unless he is vindicated he will return to Canada and give to parliament and to the people the information which will be a revelation as to the hospital conditions in England. The outstanding feature in this case is the evident desire to suppress an official report which parliament will not stand for under any circumstances.

Cabinet reconstruction would be an easier task if parliament were not in session and the government were not resorting to tactics which belie its professions.

COMPLIMENT TO CARVELL.

On he impressed, but not favorable, with the references of the Canadian press to Frank Broadstreet Carvell, as the Telegram calls him, with special emphasis upon the middle name. Carvell for premier! His name had been mentioned in this connection. He had earned the recognition. He was, of course, the enemy of those who undertook to exploit the war for the purposes of profit, who involved the government in a series of scandals which can never be forgotten.

But Carvell was in earnest about his work. He undertook to expose certain wrongs. He asked for no personal consideration while he devoted himself to a most unpleasant task. When he completed it he went on his way modestly and with no desire for anything more than the consciousness of having done his duty. Then came the time when the exigencies of war suggested a change in the tactics of the government. Mr. Carvell heard all that was to be said upon the subject of conscription. He favored it. He realized that it was a necessity if Canada's part in the great campaign was to be maintained. He made a speech, in its behalf, with a unmistakably patriotic ring. He has stood by it. He has lived up to it. He has talked and acted like one who can put his politics aside for the time being and play the man. The government has paid him the compliment of offering him a seat in the war cabinet.

Mr. Carvell's reasons for declining this position have not been stated. But it is certain that the premier honors his earnestness and integrity, and in attempting to belittle or besmirch him the conservative press only demeans itself.

Some munition plants are not so crowded now with orders and are releasing some of their men. But most of them, the foreigners especially, will not work on the farms for less than \$3 and \$4 per day.

A LIVELY EPISODE.

An interesting passage occurred in the Commons between D. C. Ross and the premier. The discussion was on the Income Tax Bill, and the Globe reports:

"Sir Robert Borden pointed out that the Minister of Finance had already given Mr. Pardoe assurance of a business tax on abnormal profits for next year, and I adopt the statement of the Minister of Finance. Parliament could likewise consider next year any increase in the income tax.

"But can the hon. gentleman guarantee he will be premier?" asked Mr. Ross.

"Then it is dependent upon my being premier," observed Sir Robert amid conservative cheers.

"Not at all," retorted Mr. Ross. "I want the guarantee if the present premier is to be premier. If there is a change I need no guarantee. I know." (Liberal cheers.)

No one can accuse the Montreal Gazette of political prejudice, or even of political independence. It is a conservative paper out and out of the dignified sort. When it opposes the C.N.R. deal it can be regarded as pretty bad.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Will Sir Robert Borden announce his war cabinet to-day? He promised a definite statement at the end of the week.

Judging by the expressions of some of the senators the bilingual school troublemakers are at the bottom of the conscription difficulties in Quebec.

Because public opinion is being asserted against the C.N.R. purchase, Hon. Arthur Meighen, the government's professional apologist, favors the closure.

The Montreal Gazette conservative? Certainly. Any paper that can approve of the soldiers' voting bill in its original form, (and the Gazette has done this), cannot be accused of liberal or independent tendencies.

The opposition in the Commons want every soldier who belongs to Canada to have a vote, and to register it in the constituency to which he belongs. The idea of providing that a host of aliens, with the Canadian army, shall have the franchise, equally with Canadians, and let the government live their votes, is surely an outrage.

PUBLIC OPINION.

A Smash Expected. (Toronto Globe) Political parties are in danger of being smashed by a people who want less selfishness and more sacrifice.

Takes Money to Buy Gas. (Chicago News) Keep a car and when it grows into a cow the cow will keep you—if your automobile does not consume too much gas.

The Difference. (London Advertiser) The man who gets \$1.10 a day can never quite appreciate the difference between himself and the older man who gets probably \$1,100 a day.

Here's a Threat. (Hamilton Times) Should the British Labor men insist on going to the Stockholm conference it is reported that Premier Lloyd George will immediately appeal to the country.

The Pope's Difficulties. (Hamilton Herald) In trying to make peace it is fear-

ed that all the pope did when he used the words "reciprocal condemnation" was to make a phrase that will rank with "a scrap of paper."

A Lovely Row. (Windsor Record) The Grits may be split up over conscription but the Tories have a lovely row over Sir Sam Hughes and are at the parting of the ways with their former allies, the Quebec Nationalists.

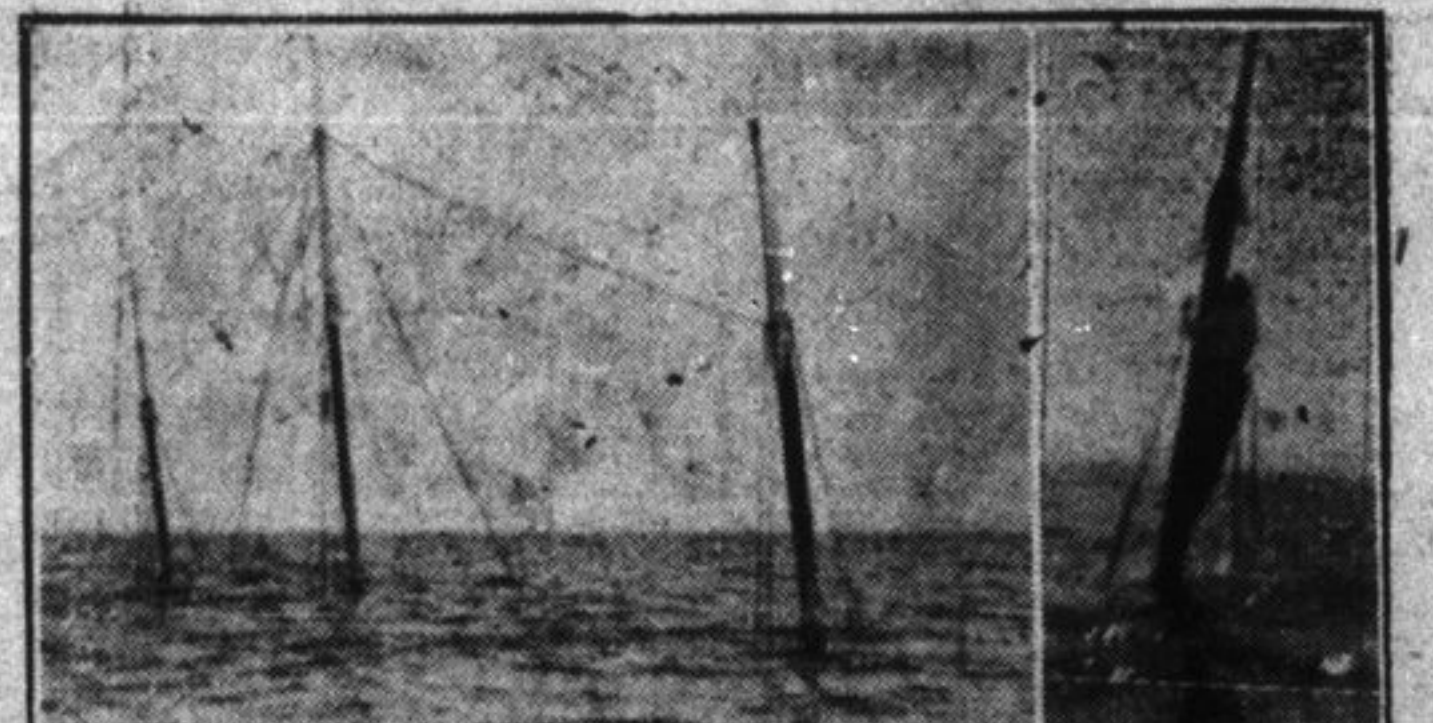
A Spy Arrested. (Ottawa Citizen) Our old friends, Dr. Karl Armgard Graves, who admits that he is the world's greatest spy, has been arrested in Denver, while exposing the Hohenzollerns. Karl is real darddevilish in his proximity to danger.

A HOME OPINION OF DR. CLARK, M.P.

Red Deer Advocate. "As to Dr. Clark, M.P. The many friends and admirers of Dr. Clark in Red Deer riding might as well face the situation that, unless sentiment changes materially, he will not receive a nomination at the present election from a representative Liberal convention for the Red Deer-Dominion constituency. Dozens of old friends and supporters are of one mind that, by his criticisms of Sir Wilfrid and his strong eulogy of Premier Borden, he has placed himself for the present out of touch with the great bulk of Liberal sentiment in Canada. Without endorsing all that Dr. Clark has said nor backing up all the views he took, the Advocate believes that, in the long run Liberalism in Red Deer would be stronger and purer if it remembered with gratitude the distinguished service Dr. Clark has given the west, and the fidelity to Liberal principles he has shown, and bear with tolerance any grievances it may have against him. These are war times, everyone is on edge, and feeling runs higher and sharper than under normal conditions. Dr. Clark's purpose was clear—to push forward Canada's full participation with men and means in the great war by the best available agencies, and he grew impatient, as a man with three sons at the front might well do, with the maestro of party politics at Ottawa, and sought to cleave a way out by driving ahead with the machinery at command."

The Emperor of Japan has sent a letter congratulating the President and the people of the United States upon their decision to enter the war against Germany.

The Russian Provisional Government has postponed until Nov. 25th the elections to the Constituent Assembly.



A TRAGEDY OF LAKE ONTARIO. The picture shows all that remains of the schooner George Marsh, which was lost in a storm near Kingston, with twelve of those on board.

Rippling Rhymes

FRIENDLESS.

"Gee whiz," I hear the Kaiser sigh, "I'm tired of war and all its works; I have no friend beneath the sky, outside of Bulgars and of Turks. Before I sprung this world-wide scrap, to spread my Kultur far and near, I was a rather well-liked chap, on this and 't'other hemisphere. In all the arts I then excelled, I used to paint, I used to draw; with admiration critics yelled, when they my masterpieces saw. I used to write majestic hymns, and great musicians, when they heard, would go away on halting limbs, and shoot themselves without a word. I used to follow useful ends, I plied the chisel and the lyre; ah, then my world was full of friends; who came long journeys to admire. My curves were then so smooth and fine, men tried to emulate my stunt; they brushed their whiskers just like me, and tried to wear a War Lord front. Alas, those days are drowned in gore, and lyres have given place to pipes, and I must herd for ever more with Bulgars and with greasy Turks. I, the master who may win the fight, here Hair or old man hindered, glad, the world will say to me, good night—"I'm in too bad, I'm in too bad!" —WALT MASON.

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