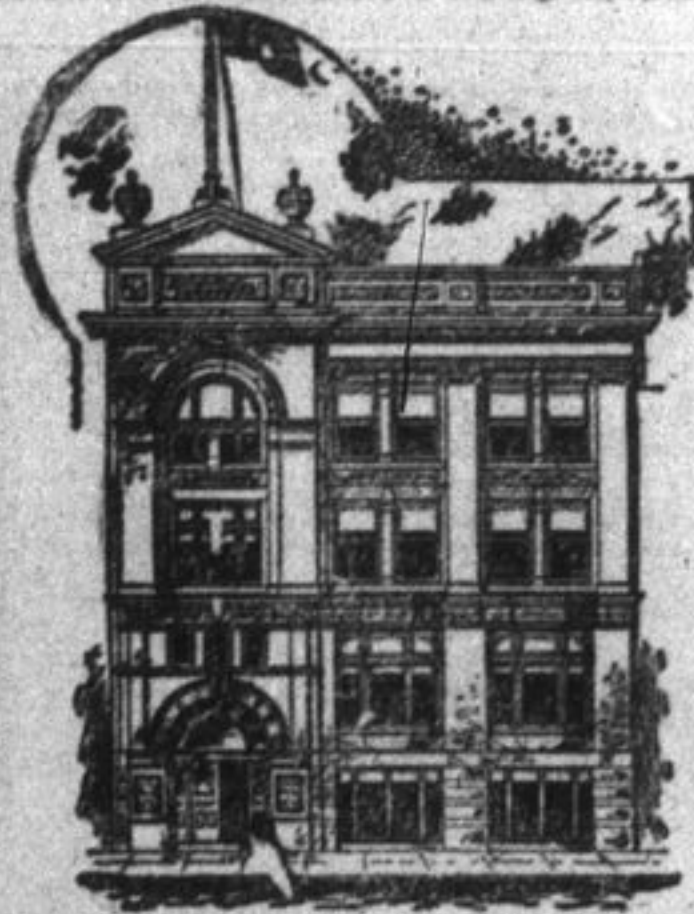


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AN APPEAL IN VAIN.
The admirers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Canada—and there are very many of them—must regret that he did not see the liberal party drifting away from home and that he could not possibly rally it by an anti-conscription appeal. It must have pained the stalwart who loved him as no other leader has ever been to differ with him on this most crucial question. But they have had to give utterance to their disapproval of his stand on the Military Service Act of 1917 in language the most touching. The men who have most felt the severance of their political relationships, on this one subject at least, (and it is the all-absorbing one for the time being), are those that are most conspicuously concerned in the success of the Union Government. These knew what it was to disagree with their beloved leader. They conceded that his had been a brilliant career, and his a most honorable record. Yet they had been forced to assume an attitude on the question of the day which completely separated them.

No one could possibly perceive what the effect of this cleavage on conscription could be. Both leaders of the government and the opposition were opposed to it. Both had given pledges that it would not be proposed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not see that he can recede from this position even now without a mandate from the people. Sir Robert Borden, not less buoyant usually, but more hopeful in this instance, has taken the plunge; and perhaps it is as well that he did this without much consultation, seeing that the issue was a touchy one and that some of his allies would likely balk over it. Mature reflection convinced parliament, however, that Canada could not longer trust its voluntary enlistments, and thus it became a national duty to put compulsory service to the test. It must have been apparent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier that this was a subject on which parties could not long or seriously differ, and gradually there followed an alignment of the members of parliament generally in its support. It is to the everlasting credit of the liberal leader—for he is the liberal leader still, not having resigned—that before there was a vote on the Military Service Bill he counselled his supporters to do as their consciences dictated, and with an expression of regret that it was necessary liberal after liberal rose to give his approval to the measure.

That was the time that Sir Wilfrid should have retired from the leadership. He could have made it the basis of a choice quite conscientious and discreet—and he would have had the consciousness that he lived in the affections of the liberal party. His years had been filled with good works and great accomplishments. His political life and labors had been abundantly fruitful. But he did not read the signs of the times. He did not anticipate the divergences in his own party which took place later. The formation of a Union Government led towards an elimination of the old party lines. There was no advantage in fighting the fates any longer. The manifesto which he has, therefore, addressed to the people of Canada must fail to arouse the party as a manifesto ordinarily would. There is much in it that is controversial, and much that must be set aside as not pertinent at the present time. General Newburn

puts the war and its needs in the first place in our thoughts. He tells us plainly that unless our army is recruited without delay Canada must disappear from the fighting line in France. In the face of that declaration Sir Wilfrid Laurier strikes a mournful note when he asks for the suspension of the Military Service Act until the people have had an opportunity to vote upon it in a special referendum. No, the blood of the slain in a national cause, and the voice of the army in distress, call for equal, and no other cry has any equal with it in ascendancy and power.

Five more days and the period of military registration will be over. Then the exemption courts will begin their work, and they will have to move quickly in order to accomplish the tasks that lie before them in a reasonable time.

COUNCIL GIVES A GRANT.

The public library has been running behind, and without the relief of the City Council would have had to be closed. A city in Ontario without a public library and reading room would occupy a strange position. It is a matter for comment that Kingston is the only city in Ontario without an institution of this kind. "In fact," as the Whig has been informed, "of the two hundred and twenty-nine Associated Libraries in the province there are only four in places with a population of more than 3,500, and Kingston is one of them." The local institution has been supported by a Government grant, subscribers' fees, and a municipal grant, and these have been inadequate to continue it efficiently. It has not been restricted in the use which has been made of its facilities. The reading room has been open to all, and the books have been read by students, pupils of the schools, mechanics and others. The time may not have arrived when the Council can, by taxation, assume the maintenance of a public library. The contingencies of the war have been accepted as an argument against any expenditure which can be avoided. But there does not seem to be a scarcity of money for anything else, and the library on its merits commands the public sympathy. Assuming, therefore, that the Council could not assume any new and permanent liability just now there are many reasons why it should increase its contribution so that, added to the subscribers' fees and the Government allowance, the library could be kept open. The \$800 which was voted by the City Council at its meeting last evening is a vote that will be sustained by public opinion.

Looking back, (a 'falling or feeling we all inherit), it seems unfortunate now that the Carnegie offer of a public library, on the usual terms, was not accepted in Kingston. A public institution can only be sustained with public money.

CURFEW SHALL NOT RING.

Some one has at last suggested that the Curfew bell should not be rung any more, and it is at least remarkable that the member of the Council who moved for the annulment of the by-law did not know anything about it. The Whig has a very distinct recollection of the circumstances under which the curfew was established. There were many boys and girls upon the streets, unattended by elders or parents, at very late hours, and the moral sense of the community demanded legislation which would drive them home at a reasonable time. The ringing of the Curfew had the desired effect for a while. Its first pains saw the youngsters heading homeward. In a few cases the offenders—those who did not pay any attention to the Curfew—were escorted from public places by the police and the parents admonished to avoid a second offense. It was not long, however, until the by-law became a dead letter, and seeing that it was not enforced, the bell might as well have not been rung. Its silence now is ominous, and of nothing so much as the disrespect shown by the rising generation for the laws that are supposed to regulate their movements.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Von Hertling, Germany's new chancellor, says his country has won all she wants. Yes, of the contempt and execration of the world. Of these she can have the monopoly.

The New York majority elections is taking place to-day. What will be the outcome of it? In the interest of the war it would be a positive misfortune if anyone succeeded except Mitchell.

Hon. A. E. Hudson has retired from political life in Manitoba. He was the ablest man in the local government. He has not been disgruntled, it is hoped, over the trend of events in the west.

Those who remember the Major Maude of thirty odd years ago in Canada, with his love for forms and social distinctions, can hardly identify him with the General Maude who is playing the mischief with the

Turks in Asia Minor. Some men grow out of themselves, as it were, and General Maude is one of them.

Kingston's chance has come for a supply of fresh fish. All the Council has to do is to arrange for a place of sale and collection of fees. The people are entitled to all the cheap food they can get.

Perhaps the sacrifice which Major Talbot Papineau made, in defence of his country, will appeal to his relative, Henri Bourassa, as nothing else has done. The rebuke which the major gave to his cousin, not so long ago, will be painfully revived.

The late Dr. Carman was a man of profound erudition. He was also a great preacher and a greater presiding officer. No one could be more genial in private life, and the Whig remembers him from the seventies, when he was the president of Albert College in Belleville.

Sir Hibbert Tupper has declined to offer himself as a candidate in the ensuing election. He will not oppose Mr. Stevens, a win-the-war candidate in Victoria. Besides he has had an experience of his own in parliament, and one that is perhaps quite satisfying. Some men know when they have enough.

PUBLIC OPINION

Greeting a Little Crimpy.
(Ottawa Citizen)
The frost is on the pumpkin, but it isn't a circumstance to the frost that has fallen on the party machine since patronage was abolished.

Good Use For Boots.
(Toronto Mail)
Russian agents have placed orders in the United States for a million and a half pairs of boots for the Russian army. May those boots be put to the Kaiser!

Waste Must Stop.
(Toronto Star)
Now that the people of Canada are to be put on rations for sugar, it is surely time to stop the waste of sugar in distilling. It is said that \$23,000,000 pounds were so used last year.

Faith in Italy.
(New York Times)
Italy has a constitutional government, and her people, intelligent and robust, has a passion for liberty. It is unthinkable that in this crisis the national life should crumble like a fungus.

Keeping at the Switch.
(Peterburg Examiner)
Some one was sleeping at the switch, when, as asserted by a win-the-war orator in Ottawa, "a well-known company got away with a profit of a million dollars in a single year."

Talk Against Plotters.
(Toronto Globe)
The Toronto Telegram speaks about Sir George's Foster's "conspicuous usefulness to the country, the city, or the party." Evidently Sir George has been saying caustic things about the plotters against Union Government.

Cheap Venison.
(Montreal Herald)
The Ontario Globe says the Ontario Government offers cheap venison—hundreds of tons of it—to the citizens of Toronto, who can no longer afford to eat liver and bacon. Is it possible that there is any eatable that the war profiteers have overlooked?

CONTEMPORARY OPINION

Glorifying Hindenburg.
Montreal Gazette.
In the eyes of the Germans nothing is too good for Hindenburg, and, according to a recent report from Berlin, there are those who say he should be made a king of some state or other. Napoleon, it will be remembered, established his relatives, and even his marshals, on various thrones and the descendant of one of his officers reigns to-day in Sweden. The Crown Prince of Germany is an admirer of the great Bonaparte and has a fine collection of relics of him. It would not be surprising if he harbored dreams of being another such kingmaker on succeeding to the throne of a victorious Germany. Royally sometimes has strange ambitions, like commoner mortals. As for the Kaiser, he has six sons. The effective way of preventing any such possibility as the creation of royal seats for Prussian royalties and army commanders is to defeat their forces in the field. Who would like to have to render homage to King Hindenburg, or King Wilhelm, or King Eitel Friedrich? It is enough to make the most personal liberty democrat shiver right to the hilt.

Real Heroism Attractive.
Toronto Telegram.
Heroism always was and always will be less lucrative than Hogs. The country that traffics in Heroism cannot reward that Heroism as lavishly as the civilians who traffic in Hogs reward themselves. The utmost that the country required of Sir Joseph Flavelle and other wounded bell-boy and other soldiers was that they would cast themselves into the treasury and take their personal reward in death, wounds, or hardships.

The Elimination of Party.
Personal ambition, party, feelings and personal and party interests cannot be entirely eliminated in the selection of candidates. The electors, too, may have individual opinions and preferences, and the selection of win-the-war candidates does not absolutely insure popular endorsement. Neither the Union Government, nor the Win-the-War League can stampede, though they may urge and influence popular opinion and action; nor crouch with unfailing certainty as to how the great silent voice, in most minds a fight upon the old party lines is inconceivable. Premier Borden has indicated that he, as head of the Union Government, cannot recognize as government candidates any party candidates. The problem seems then to be to hit upon a candidate or candidates, that will represent the comprised opinion of the two great parties, as the Union Government is supposed to represent a similar compromise. Whether the Win-the-War League can do this is to be seen. Being presumably absolutely non-partisan, can it speak the mind of the two great parties in Peterborough and bring electoral opinion to heel in unopposed support of the Union candidate?

Melvin Taylor, in the employ of F. W. Smith & Bro., Napanee, as watchmaker, for the past thirty years, has severed his connection and will open a jewellery store for himself.
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A splendid health measure is to drink, before breakfast each day, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, which is a harmless way to wash these poisons, gases and toxins from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs but very little at the drug store but is sufficient to make anyone an enthusiast on inside-bathing. Men and women who are accustomed to wake up with a dull, aching head or heavy tongue, bad taste, nasty breath, shallow complexion, others who have bilious attacks, acid stomach or constipation are assured of pronounced improvement in both health and appearance shortly.

ASK JAPAN FOR MEN

J. L. Garvin Urges That She Be Called On to Help the Italians.
London, Nov. 5.—J. L. Garvin, writing in the Observer on the situation created by the Italian reverse, says:
"Relatively to the total forces and resources of our Allies, Britain, France and America, will have to make up in Venetia for the immense loss of men and material. The Italians may be hard put to hold their line on the Tagliamento until sufficient succor can reach them. From the spectacular point of view, if we may use such a phrase, that is one of the most exciting issues in all the records of this incredible war. Meanwhile the brunt for the winter must necessarily fall on this country until the United States—henceforth speeding up with more concentrated energy than ever—is ready to take on a heavier share of the burden. Russia must be asked again what she can do and means to do; Japan ought to be consulted anew. If she can send ships into the Mediterranean she can send men with equal gain to her whole prestige in the world. Why should not Japan help to fill the gap until the United States is ready? Never yet have the Allies used their full means to existence at any given moment. The time to fling all their available reserves into the scale is now."

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