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A MESSAGE TO CANADA.

"I want to bring this message to
you from your boys at the front:
that they have taken the measure of
the Germans. I am speaking also
for the British troops at the front.
They have both taken the measure
of the Hun, and no matter what
happens on the eastern front, never
again will the Teuton be able to
break through the western line. This
winter the Hun will be fighting
down in the mud and our men will
be standing up on the hill. Our men
are on the hill now."—Stewart
Lyon in his Toronto Victory Loan
Bond speech.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not an ad-
mirer of the Military Service Act be-
cause of its compulsory features, but
in his Quebec speech he said the
first and pressing duty of the people
was to share in the war.

DEPENDING ON HOT AIR.

It now appears that Kerensky has
fastened his own downfall by truckling
to the Bolsheviks or Maximalists,
who, representing the military and
workmen, demand the maximum of
national rights, privileges, and pre-
rogatives. When Kerensky had tried
everything in the way of adminis-
trative policies, and every form of
government save a return to the
autocracy of the Romanoffs, in vain,
he played for public support by de-
claring that "Russia was worn out
by the strain and that the Allies
should shoulder the burden of the
war." He revealed his own as well
as the country's weakness, and as
fast as they could the Bolsheviks
rushed results. They seized the seat
of government and forced into sub-
mission all the representatives of
civil and military power at Petro-
grad. For a few days there was a
lull in events, and that was taken ad-
vantage of to strengthen their posi-
tion and impress upon the army, in
its disorganized condition, that re-
sistance would be a folly. The Am-
erican Government had voted to
Russia a war credit of \$325,000,000,
but had paid over only \$210,000,000
when Russia, as an ally failed. What
is Russia now going to do without
funds or credit? One of the first
things the Bolsheviks will discover is
that they cannot run a government
on hot air.

Bourassa denounces Laurier, and
still the conservative papers persist
that they are travelling in the same
way in this campaign.

TRUE TO LAURIER.

The most extraordinary evidence
of the political perplexities of the
day was that afforded in the con-
vention which was called at Windsor
for the nomination of a Liberal
candidate. Hon. Mr. Graham was pre-
sent by invitation, and was with
two others, put in nomination. The
proceedings were harmonious en-
ough until the time of voting. Mr.
Graham had been given a patient
hearing, but he was more or less
heckled, and at one time was plain-
ly asked who his leader was. Of
course he was supporting the Union
Government. Evidently the senti-
ment of the convention was running
strongly for Sir Wilfrid Laurier,
and this became manifest in the first
ballot. Mr. Graham received eighty-
one votes; Mr. Aikin, a farmer of
Malden Township, sixty votes; and
Thomas Hawley, of Mercora Town-
ship, thirty-two votes. Here was a
total of one hundred and seventy-
three. In the second ballot, with

only Graham and Aikin in the field,
the vote stood: Aikin, eighty-nine;
Graham, eighty-eight. The total was
one hundred and seventy-seven. The
scene that followed was tumultuous.
Order was completely lost, and
realizing that it was impossible to
proceed the chairman declared the
convention closed. Aikin represented
the Laurier element, and it is
quite evident that the constituency
is wedded to the "grand old man."

Uncle Sam asked for three billions
in his Liberty Loan campaign. He
was offered \$4,670,532,300, 54 per
cent. more than the amount asked,
or more than all the money that was
subscribed in the four years of civil
war.

VICTORY LOAN BONDS.

True to previous arrangements,
and in conformity with the plans of
the publicity committee, the Victory
Loan Campaign was inaugurated this
morning with all the eclat which was
much appreciated. The campaign in
connection with the loan will develop
with the passing days, and, accord-
ing to the finance minister, (who has
special means of acquainting himself
with the trend of events), it will sur-
pass in importance everything else,
and may even side track the federal
election. The hope of Sir Thomas
White is that the Canadian people
will consider the loan their own, but
they will realize the fact that they
have a chance for the first time to
participate in a transaction of this
kind, and that they can, if they will,
subscribe a million dollars in this
city. The objective is \$600,000, but
there is reason to believe that the
amount will be exceeded. In con-
nection with the third loan \$800,000
was subscribed in Kingston, and
there was not a canvass as in this
case from house to house and for the
purpose of reaching everyone who
had money to invest.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The United States Government will
have munitions made in Canada dur-
ing the next year and to the value of
many millions of dollars. This will
revive the shell business and give it
a new boost in Canada.

Tons of Spanish onions in Toronto
going to waste after being held in
cold storage for an inordinate time.
Oh, the scandal of it. Cannot the
food controller make an example of
some of these fellows?

The finance minister is authority
for the statement that the Victory
Loan campaign will make a side
show of the elections. It will not be
surprising. The loan is all the talk,
and proceedings have only com-
menced.

The invitation from Quebec East
to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to again con-
test the division for the federal par-
liament, was signed by seven thou-
sand persons. The venerable leader
of the liberal party was accorded the
greatest ovation of his life.

Paper clothing is the latest in
Germany. Rough clothing is made
from a paper yarn which is used like
jute, and has already been put to the
test in the trenches and in the homes
of the people. A man's suit of paper
material costs \$5.00. The garments of
the women and children of the
same material cost even less.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was nominated
in Quebec East on the anniversary of
his entrance into public life forty
years ago; and, most interesting of
all the proceedings, the man who
nominated him, the venerable Joseph
Gauthier, occupied a seat beside him
on the platform. They were very
proud men.

PUBLIC OPINION

Money Piling Up.
(Huron Globe)
Canadians had four hundred mil-
lions of dollars more deposited in
savings banks than when the war
began.

Battle of Manifestos.
(Toronto Globe)
The Federal election may come to
be known as the battle of the mani-
festos. Sir Robert Borden will issue
a manifesto in reply to Sir Wilfrid
Laurier.

No Monopoly.
(Guelph Mercury)
They're selling chestnuts in the
stores now. We regard that as direct
and open opposition to this column.
We deal in chestnuts the whole year
through.

No Showing There.
(Windsor Record)
Nehemiah, governor of Judea, re-
fused the high cost of living in his
day by shaming the profiteering no-
bles into making restitution, but
what can be done with Sir Joseph
Flavelle, who has no qualms of con-
science?

The Packing Plants.
(Toronto News)
Canada's cold storage and pack-
ing plants are to pass under strict
Government control. This departure
will be taken in co-operation with
the United States authorities. Mid-
dleman's margin of profit will be
under direct Government supervi-
sion.

Again the Referendum.
(Toronto Globe)
Australia will have a second ref-

erendum on conscription. The
Hughes Ministry has given the vol-
untary system another trial, without
success. If this fresh demonstration
of the necessity of conscription does
not insure its success at the polls
Australia must drop gradually out of
the war.

Rubbing it in.
(Montreal Herald-Telegraph)
They are talking of sending the
Hon. Mr. Hazen to Washington to
represent Canada. Would it not be
the irony of fate if one of those who
attained power by the use of the
slogan, "No truck or trade with the
Yankees!" should be the first Cana-
dian High Commissioner to the
United States?

VICTORY WAR LOAN

Sir Thomas White.
It may not be known generally
that the Finance Department at Ot-
tawa has handled for the Imperial
Government since the war began over
\$1,000,000,000 in gold," he said,
adding how special trains meet the
shipments, conveyed by the navies of
Britain or of Japan, at Halifax or
Vancouver. A tide of gold had flowed
through Canada to New York. But
the entry of the United States ac-
tively into the war, and Sir Thomas
paid the States a high tribute—had
automatically closed the borrowing
market there, as the States became
the "bankers of the Allies." The Am-
erican obligations for the next year
were \$18,000,000,000, and their ad-
vances to Great Britain and the Al-
lies would be more than \$500,000,-
000 a year. Naturally the bulk of
that had to be spent in the United
States, and Canada's importance in
the scheme lay in the fact that she
could supply the dollar credit to the
Imperial Government which was so
necessary. It would not do merely
to pay in pounds sterling. "Do not
fancy that Great Britain," said Sir
Thomas, with emphasis, "is at the
end of her resources. Far from it,
but she cannot find the dollars which
must be used on this continent. It
is only a matter of dollar credits on
this side."

"In Canada, when we floated the
first loan of \$50,000,000 with hesita-
tion and fear, the response was so
good that we made it \$100,000,000,
and after that we followed with an
Imperial credit of a second \$50,000,-
000 to enable them to continue to
buy the munitions in Canada. We
have gone on and have now estab-
lished a credit of \$25,000,000 a
month, or of \$300,000,000 a year,
which is for the object, I repeat, of
purchasing in the Dominion. As a
partial set-off to that the British
Government pays for the troops while
on the other side, and in other ways
the balance is struck by the system
between us. We have long since
overaken the debit balance in the
accounts with the mother country,
and to-day the Dominion Govern-
ment is the creditor, not the debtor,
of the British Government."

The Russian embassy in Washing-
ton announced Saturday afternoon
that it would refuse to recognize the
authority of the Maximalist Govern-
ment.
The average man has more than
one kick coming to him.

Rippling Rhymes

THE REJECTED

It gives my soul a wrench, that I can't join the
boys, and excavate a trench, and make a warlike
charge, because I'm pigeon toed, knock-kneed and blind
jaws. I see the boys go by, with buoyant step and
free, and shed a weary sigh—the march is not for
me. I may not hear the drums, or join the gallant
charge, because I've shaved my head, because my waist-
line's large. Ah, well; a gent can do his little stunt
at home, if he can't get a few beyond the raging foam.
By humping all the day, and buckling down like wax,
methinks that I can pay each added wartime tax.
By helping liquidate our Uncle's grievous bills, I'll keep
my record straight, though shy of martial thrills, I'll
pay up like a guy who wants to do his share; so when
the boys go by I'll get no stony stare. I cannot pack
a gun or wield a snickersnee, because I weigh a ton and have the house-
maid's knee; I'm troubled with the gout and falling of the hair, but that
won't let me out—I still can do my share.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN
By GENE BYRNES



CONTEMPORARY OPINION

Something to Be Remembered.

Ottawa Citizen.
The German rush into Italy looks
ominous but we are apt to overlook
that the Germany of to-day is not the
Germany that swept into France in
1914, or the Germany that conquered
Siberia and occupied Rumania with-
in six weeks of the latter's declara-
tion of war. Germany to-day is us-
ing up her reserve strength in the
attack on Italy and just to the extent
that Italy avoids the blow and makes
the onrush indecisive and costly for
the invader just to that degree does
she weaken her assailant. The Teu-
ton machine is still dangerous, it
still strikes with energy but it can
no longer sustain an assault. It is
for this reason that speed is vital to
Germany in her Italian campaign and
why delay is beneficial to Italy. The
invaders are getting further from
their supply bases, and experience has
shown that the great guns essential
in modern warfare cannot be trans-
ported quickly, no matter how per-
fect the system. Considering the
relative resources of the Entente
powers and Germany it may have
been that the Teuton invasion was a
particularly ill-judged expedition.
The repulse of the Italian forces and
their expulsion from Austrian territory,
it would seem, would have
served the purposes of Germany
equally as well as an invasion into
enemy territory which can only be
carried through at the expenditure
of none too plentiful resources in
men, munitions and other material.

Russia in Despair.

Syracuse Post-Standard.
It has been prey to visionaries, graft-
ers and traitors. Anarchy has been
throne in the garb of liberty.
Kerensky has been the single per-
sonality which has held the control-
ling elements of Russia into some
sort of cohesion. He has had the
support of the men who accomplished
the revolution and who determined
to retain his fruits against reaction-
aries and red-eyes within and Ger-
mans without and without. They
have stood with him even when he
compromised with the Socialists,
who gulped without tasting the Ger-
man bait of "no annexations no in-
demnities." They felt that upon him
depended the maintenance of govern-
ment.
The unthinkable intoxicated with
postures made in Germany and
drugs manufactured in the labora-
tories of untrained imagination have
unhinged him, Petrograd has dis-
integrated order and discipline and set
adrift the theory in its stead. Russia
has ceased to be a nation and be-
come a collection of independent

groups of independent men, with the
thoughtless and crooked generally in
command.

Russian Leader Deposed.
Rochester Union and Express.
Professor Meyer Jacobstein of the
University of Rochester in a recent
lecture on Kerensky called him the
only statesman of great calibre whom
the war has brought to the front,
and predicted that if he brings or-
der out of the Russian chaos he will
be acclaimed as the most wonderful
man of the century.

The difficulties with which he
struggles are far greater, according
to this observer, than those which
the war has brought to the front.
He must hold together the congeries of small
nations which compose the empire.
He must satisfy the land-hungry
peasants and at the same time satisfy
the workers in the cities, some of
whom are demanding absurdly short
hours and absurdly increased pay.
Another problem is the division of
authority, for the Council of Work-
men and Soldiers' delegates often is-
sues orders at variance with those of
the head of the state.

Kerensky organized this council in
1905, picking out men in every large
factory and regiment as a nucleus for
a revolutionary uprising. They made
possible the overturn in March last
which deposed the czar, and the
downfall of that despotic government
was the hardest blow to kaiserism
and the most important contribution
to the cause of human freedom since
the war began.

The world owes this more to Ker-
ensky than to any other man, and if
he succeeds in keeping Russia in the
war, even though her military
achievements may not be great, he
will have performed a greater ser-
vice for mankind than any other in-
dividual of our times.

Why He Was Delayed.
Manager (to late messenger):
"You've been away over half an hour
and only to go round the corner!"
Messenger: "Please, sir, a man
dropped half a crown in the gutter."
Manager: "And did it take half
an hour to find?"
Manager: "Please, sir, I had to
wait till the man went away."

BORN.

BALLARD—At Napanee, on Nov. 1st,
to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ballard, a
daughter.

BAXTER—In Bloomfield, Nov. 1st, to
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baxter, a son,
stillborn.

COATUP—At Napanee, on October 28th,
to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coatup, a
son.

LADLEY—At Ernestown, on Oct.
31st, to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Ladley,
a daughter.

SEALS—In Napanee, on Nov. 7th, to
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Seals, a
daughter.

MARRIED.

STOLKER-FREEMAN—At Deseronto,
on Nov. 5th, George Herbert Stoll-
ker, of Trenton, to Miss Gertrude
Freeman, Deseronto.

SEABORNE-McDONALD—As Bloom-
field, Nov. 5th, Miss Marjorie, daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen McDon-
ald, to Rolfe Lester Seaborne, son
of the late Rev. Seaborne and Mrs.
Seaborne, Toronto.

DIED.

CANN—In Peton, Nov. 1st, John Wat-
ling Samuel Cann, aged fifty-three
years.

SEAPFORD—In Hallowell, Nov. 5th,
Ida E. Williams, wife of Edwin
Spafford, aged fifty-three years.

WILDGOOSE—At Toronto, Nov. 1st, Hor-
ace Stone Wildgoose, aged 55 years.

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