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EDITORIAL NOTES. Is it to be fusion or confusion? Until this war is over, let us scrap party politics.

Many are called but few are chosen—for exemption.

And just see what the abolition of vodka did to Russia!

"Win the war" is a worthy phrase sometimes used for unworthy purposes.

The greatest burden Union Government has to carry to-day is one Flavelle.

Four more weeks and the election will be over. But a deuce of a lot of trouble can be crowded into four weeks, though.

About the only difference in meaning between the words salary and wages nowadays is that wages indicate the larger amount.

An American congressman, just back from Europe, says the war will drag on at least two years longer. Becoming almost a habit, as it were.

The Victory Loan campaign is going along famously in Frontenac and the end of the week may see much over a million dollars subscribed.

Partisanship and patronage have been at the root of most of our national evils. The chance is now offered to wipe them out. Shall we foolishly neglect it?

Those farmers who are hoarding their potatoes for high prices are probably the same ones who denounce the trusts for getting what money they can.

The shutting off of electric signs to save coal has been suggested. No one will suffer because of this, since the newspapers give a far wider publicity than any sign ever could.

What does our Board of Trade think of the necessity of conscription? As representative of the most important business interests of Kingston it could well afford to lead the people aright.

Bourassa and Laurier, can you take the anti-conscription dose? Canada must augment its forces in France, and conscription is the swiftest plan yet devised.

The whirligig of time brings about some strange events. Australians and New Zealanders, who a few short years ago were studying the Holy Land in their Sunday schools, have captured Joppa, the ancient port of Jerusalem.

Col. W. F. Maclean is having woes of his own. The Tory party in South York have dropped him and named a new man. The Colonel had grown old in the riding and the young men did not enthuse over him. But W. F. has also been erratic!

The commission appointed to investigate the report of W. F. O'Connor, K.C., Acting Commissioner on Cost of Living, finds that the William Davies Co. made 80 per cent. on its capital in 1916. Will Sir Joseph Flavelle revise his version and exclaim: "To hell with profits over 80 per cent.?"

The Whig agrees with the man

who said he did not want in years to come to have the label put on him that "You stood in the way of keeping faith with the men at the front when their cry, day and night, was for speedy reinforcements." The Union Government has the machinery in operation to bring about the needed aid.

TWO KINGSTONIANS ABROAD. The sixth number of an independent business magazine, "Burning Power," New York, has reached the Whig's desk. It is ably edited by George A. Mackie, at one time a member of the Whig's editorial staff. The leading article is entitled, "The Dollar-a-Year Men," from Mr. Mackie's clever pen. It sets forth many interesting facts regarding the services rendered by those industrial, financial and commercial leaders who are rendering national service to Uncle Sam at a salary of a dollar a year. This magazine is devoted to commerce, finance and manufacturing.

In Detroit, another Kingstonian, Harry M. Nimmo, a well-known graduate of Queen's and a former newspaper man here, is rapidly making a name for himself in the magazine world. He is the editor and publisher of a neat little periodical, "Black and White," which has been hailed with delight everywhere. It worthily takes the place vacated by the late Elbert Hubbard's "Phyllis." These sons of Kingston are to be congratulated on the success they are achieving in the magazine field. They will yet go much farther.

HELPING THOSE WHO SAVED US. A steady stream of worn, maimed and crippled Canadian soldiers are flowing back to the Dominion from the battlefield of Europe. Kingston has received its quota and still more are arriving from time to time. Hundreds of these brave and smiling fellows are now being cared for in the various convalescent homes in this city.

What of their future? What are the plans a grateful nation has evolved for their benefit? Ideas at present are nebulous as to the aftermath of the great conflict. Hundreds of thousands of men who have been withdrawn from productive activity for the past three years will again be ready to take their places in the industrial world. What are we doing to help them? Doubtless, large numbers will rebel against returning to confined occupations. Their life in the open will have spoiled them for the desk and the lathe. The effort to place such men on the land will not be entirely successful, for it will not appeal to all of them.

What, then, is our duty? Preparedness is essential. Plans must now be evolved for their present good and their future well-being. The men who have faced death in the trenches will not—can not—return the same as when they went away. Wordly castes and social distinctions will appear contemptible in their eyes, and holders of special privileges may have to prove that they have earned their place and power, and are worthy to hold them.

Are we, as a nation, adapting ourselves to these new conditions? Are we preparing to meet them? Are we practicing self-sacrifice, or are we allowing food monopolists and war profiteers to continue reaping their blood-stained gains? These are questions to which the returned soldier has a right to demand a straightforward answer and to the correct solution of which he is entitled.

THE WHIG AND THE WAR. In a lengthy article yesterday, entitled "Where the British Whig Stands," we outlined this paper's attitude toward the war, the Military Service Act and Union Government. Getting down to the application of the principles therein expressed, the decision was voiced that: "This paper cannot support any man or any measure which is brought forward in opposition to the Union Government. It cannot support any candidate who does not unreservedly commit himself to the enforcement of conscription and to the support of the Union Government so long as that administration, by its performances, shows that it is worthy of his support."

The Whig closely followed Dr. Richardson's address at the City Hall last night, and came to the following conclusion: (1) That Dr. Richardson was brought forward in opposition to the Union Government. (2) That he does not, reservedly or unreservedly, commit himself to the enforcement of conscription and to the support of the Union Government.

Therefore, it is plain, the Whig cannot support Dr. Richardson. To go further: we have to confess that we are still in the dark as to just what he does support. With charming adroitness he evaded any clear-cut reference as to his attitude on these vital questions. Dragging in a bagful of petty partisan charges isn't going to help win the war—or this election, either. The people to-day, much as they condemn the failings of the late Borden Government, are going to decide the issue on a

higher plane. These things can wait. The war cannot.

Are we going to be another Russia, or are we not? Laurier and Bourassa, now in close alliance, are leading the way to an ignominious retreat from the fields so dearly won by the Canadians in France and Flanders.

The Union Government's policy is one of helping the Canadians in the best and quickest way. Surely, there can be no choice between honor and dishonor.

Laurier sounds "Retreat"—a word our boys at the front do not recognize.

In a book just issued by a well-known Kingstonian, Dr. Fred McKelvey Bell, "The First Canadians in France," he describes the Second Battle of Ypres in eloquent sentences. A unit of the Canadians was in a tight corner, and the message from headquarters was "You must retreat." A flush of disdainful anger swept over the officer's face as he read this message, and he replied in three words: "Retreat be damned!"

We mistake the spirit of Canadians at home, and especially in this military city, if they do not answer Laurier's call to "retreat" in the same stinging words.

A Hard Job. (London Advertiser) Sinbad the sailor had to carry around the old man of the sea. Sir Robert Borden has to carry around the plous knight of the brine.

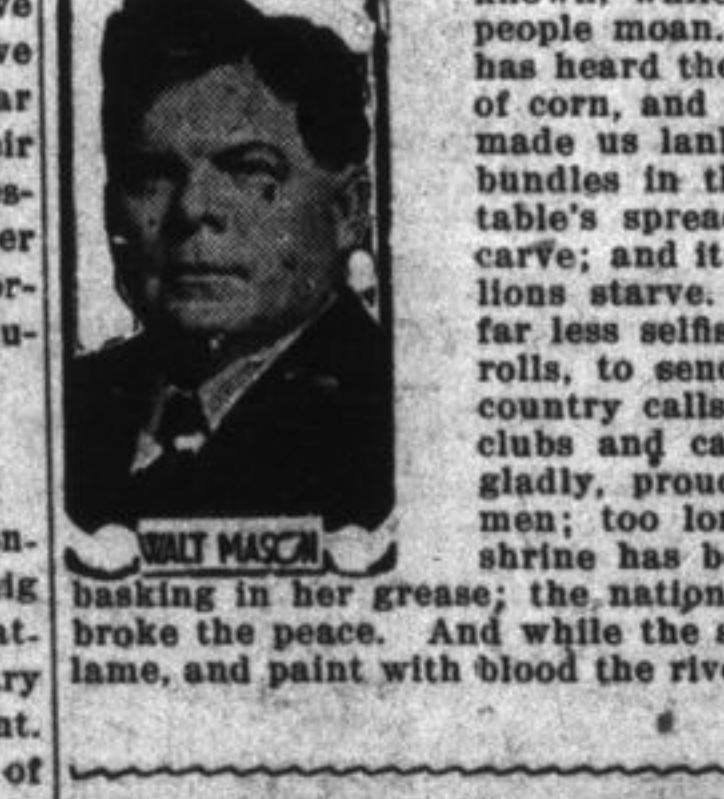
Pardee Against It. (Toronto Globe) Mr. Pardee is being opposed in West Lambton by the Conservatives and Laurier Liberals. His courage and high-mindedness deserve better treatment from both.

Hard to Find. (Montreal Herald) "What's that you are reading?" "A scientific article. It says that oysters secrete pearls." "Um! Where do they secrete them?" "Under the bed of the ocean, I suppose."

Hands of His Friends. (Toronto News) There is a rumor that Mr. Nicholas Romanoff is invited to become Emperor of Siberia. It is understood that he has made only one brief statement: "I am in the hands of my friends."

No Economy. (Toronto Globe) The abolition of fashion have created a further shortening of women's skirts as a measure of wartime economy. That is bad business. What is saved in wool and silk will be wasted in leather.

Great in the Mind. (Bellefleur Ontario) West Hastings Conservatives absolutely refused to meet the Liberal committee to discuss Union. And yet the West Hastings Conservatives



WALT MASON

is banking in her grease; the nations have been trampled flat since Wilhelm broke the peace. And while the stricken nations toil in warfare, lean and lame, and paint with blood the riven soil, our fatness is a shame.

—WALT MASON.

profess to believe that union is the greatest thing in the world.

Cost of Bread. (Montreal Gazette) In New York an effort is being made to fix the price of a pound loaf of white bread at 7 cents. In Montreal the general price of the pound and a half loaf is 10 cents, delivered by the baker. The local consumer has the advantage in this instance.

Should a Break Occur. (Toronto Star) All over Europe people are fighting for their lives or trembling for their lives. We in America do not quite realize it, because there is a wall of steel in Belgium and France and Italy, holding back the foe. Let that wall break at any point, and the flood will be upon us.

MONK PREDICTED WAR

AS FAR BACK AS 1701 IT IS DISCOVERED. And Said It Would Last Three Years and Five Months—Also Predicted the Entry of America into the Conflict. While razing the old Monastery of the Holy Ghost in Wismar, Mecklenburg, two months ago, an old Bible was found which contained a remarkable prophecy regarding the present world war. It was written in 1701 by one of the monks on parchment that is now yellow and seared with age. It is now on exhibition in a glass case in the city hall of Wismar. So much publicity has been given to the prophecy in the papers of Germany that thousands have flocked to Wismar to see it.

The prophecy not only gives the cause of the war, but also indicates the countries engaged. Up to the present it has been amazingly accurate. It does not exactly state that Germany will be victorious, but indicates how long the war will last, when the decisive battle will be fought, and where and when peace will come, and adds that Germany will continue to exist as a power for many years. A translation of the writing on the parchment is as follows: "Lord, have mercy on Thy people despite the fact that they are turning more and more away from Thee; that they are destroying Thy monasteries and cloisters and forgetting Thee. A time will come in Europe when these people will feel the weight of thy hand, when malignity and hatred will rule. It will be vacant, and the conflagration will come as the result of the murder of a prince. Seven nations will rise against the eagle with one head and the eagle with two heads. The birds will defend themselves furiously and viciously with their talons, and their wings will protect their peoples. A prince from their very midst, a sovereign who mounts his horse from the wrong side, will be encompassed by a wall of enemies. His slogan will be 'Onward with God!' The Almighty God will lead him from victory to victory and many will meet their death. There will be wagons without horses, and the dead will be piled through the air dropping fire and sulphur and destroying cities and villages. The people will turn to God. This terrible war will last three years and five months. The time will come when food can neither be sold nor bought, and bread will be carefully distributed. The seas will be tinged with blood, and men will lie in wait

under the waves for their prey." Here follows a reference to America, which was in those times often referred to as the "country of the seven stars." "The people of the seven stars will attack the ring of steel and suddenly fall upon the bearded nation in the rear and rend it in twain. The whole of the lower Rhine will tremble, but nevertheless will endure to the end. The land in the west will be one vast desolation, and the land in the ocean will with its king, be crushed and suffer all the pangs of hunger. The land of the bearded people will still endure for a long time to come, and following the war the world will be united in one great brotherhood. The victors will carry a cross, and between four small cities, and four steeples of equal height the decisive battle will be fought. Between two linden trees the victor will fall upon his knees before his army, lift his hands to heaven and thank God. Following this all ungodliness will disappear; the indecent dances that prevailed before the war will be seen no more, and God will reign in church, state and family."

Rippling Rhymes

FAT AMERICA

Prosperity with us abides, and want's to us unknown, while over Europe's countryside the hungry people moan. For years poor Europe has been torn, has heard the battle din, while we have planted fields of corn, and borne the harvest in. Privation has not made us lank, no wolf is at our door; we have our bundles in the bank and credit at the store. Our table's spread, we sit thereat, and costly joints we carve; and it is shameful to be fat, while waiting millions starve. Oh, let us discipline our souls and far less selfish be, and strip some williams from our rolls, to send across the sea. And when our noble country calls for samples of long green, to purchase clubs and cannonballs, or sink a submarine, let's gladly, proudly, flush our wads, and loosen up, like men; too long our plunks have been our gods, our shrines have been the yen. America alone is fat, and while the stricken nations toil in warfare, lean and lame, and paint with blood the riven soil, our fatness is a shame.

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