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What shall it profit the Liberals if they gain the support of Quebec and lose the great war?

Advice to the enemy-ally and the misguided native-born: If you want to help the Kaiser, vote for Laurier.

The heads of nearly all the churches in Canada have pronounced strongly in favor of the Union Government.

There is no split in the Nationalists' ranks in Quebec. Why should there be in the Unionists' ranks in the rest of Canada?

Co-operation among the Allies was successful in checking the Austro-German invasion of Italy. Co-operation is needed just as much here in Canada.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, has been elected by acclamation, his Laurier opponent retiring from the field. Such a bonny fighter and such a stout champion of the people's rights well deserves this mark of appreciation.

General Mewburn declares that all real farmers will be granted exemption. A Government Order-in-Council confirms his promise. The news will be received with gratification by everyone. It is most important that production of food should be given every encouragement.

Prussianism is an enemy to be vanquished only by its chosen weapon, the sword; and if the Allies fall in this they will be one fall under the harrow of German despotism. Canada, as one of the nations fighting in the ranks of democracy, should do her full share. Men, not referendums, are the need of the hour.

CAMPBELL POWER HERE FIRST. The Whig was going to suggest that when Hydro-Electric Commission power is turned on in Kingston there be a noisy demonstration, something like that which announced the opening of the Victory Loan campaign. But on second thought it will not do this, and for these reasons: That Manager Folger has announced that the electric power from the Trent will likely be turned on next Sunday morning, and the blowing of whistles, the ringing of bells and the booming of guns might awake the citizens from their Sabbath slumber, at least those who cling to the idea that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. Secondly, that Sir Adam Beck's Trent power is not the first hydro-electric energy to reach Kingston. Over a year ago John M. Campbell, the man who first established an electric plant here, over twenty-five years ago, connected this city up with his power taken from the waterfalls at Kingston Mills, a few miles east of the city. To Mr. Campbell belongs the right, therefore, of being termed the father of electricity in Kingston. He put the old Limestone City on the electrical map, and when it was up against it a year and a half ago with regard to adding to its power supply, at a time when electrical apparatus was sky high in price, he came to the rescue and hitched up the city with his power house at the Mills, furnishing a limited supply. So Sir Adam Beck follows John M. Campbell, who is always a leader. But Kingston is glad

all the same to know that at last a large supply of water power is at hand, and that it comes at a time when very urgently needed, owing to the greatly increased cost of coal.

A LESSON FROM LONDON.

A cable from London, describing the taking of the Canadian soldier vote, states that on Monday discharged men turned up in considerable numbers to record their vote. Two of them were without arms, and had to have their balls marked.

"Two of them without arms?" Sons of Canada. Sons of some sorrowful Canadian father and mother. They were among the first to cast their votes.

Do you suppose these brave but mutilated fellows voted for Laurier and Bourassa and a do-nothing attitude?

Or do you suppose they voted for the Union Government and a united, earnest, patriotic endeavor to send reinforcements to take the place of these men whom Prussianism had broken and deformed?

Reports from England and the front state that the soldier vote is practically unanimous in its support of the Union Government. How could it be otherwise? These men are not quitters. They have given much; they have offered their all. They realize, better than we can hope to do, the strength of the foe and the necessity to leave nothing undone that will contribute to his defeat. They call for help—for reinforcements.

Are we so weak-hearted, so careless, so craven, as to deny them? They were left "up in the air" once in the Ypres sector by the retirement of troops on their flanks, but they "stuck it" and won out, but at awful cost.

They will be left "up in the air" again, and much more seriously, if we at home fail to do our duty on Dec. 17th.

"IT IS NOW OR NEVER!"

Great Britain is in no doubt as to the gravity of the situation. She recognizes the imminent danger that confronts civilization to-day. The Imperial Government is coming out men from civil life and bringing back from the war fronts soldiers whose military usefulness is ended, but who can still release a laborer or an artisan or a clerk for service in the ranks. In this way it hopes to raise tens of thousands of additional fighting men. It has also made a strong appeal for women volunteers to take the places of men who could thus be liberated for duty in the field. The men thus set free will be conscripted by the nation to help save the Empire. Voluntary enlistment failed in England, as it has failed in Canada. Listen to what the London Daily Mail says of voluntarism:

"We have no more faith in voluntary rationing than we had in voluntary recruiting. The latter broke down because of its glaring injustices and inequalities, because it left it to the option of the individual to perform or to neglect a clear national duty."

"Peace is far off if it is to be the peace of victory. . . . Thousands of men are needed to build aerodromes; there are 10,000 vacancies for men on other national jobs of the first moment. . . . And above all, 'very large' reinforcements are needed at the front. Sir Auckland Geddes hopes to raise hundreds of thousands of men for the armed forces of the crown."

"But that hope can only be fulfilled if the nation as a whole realizes that with us it is now or never."

Now or never! That expresses, in a phrase, the urgent need of exerting every ounce of strength the Empire possesses. That need must be met to-day. To-morrow may be too late. The Union Government stands for Canadian action to-day, while there is yet time. Laurier stands for delay until to-morrow, when action may be forever too late.

How long halt ye between two opinions? Union Government and salvation for the Empire, or Laurier and oblivion. That is the choice that faces us to-day. There is no alternative, no escaping it. An awful responsibility rests upon the men and women of Canada who will go to the polls and make their choice on Dec. 17th.

"Very large reinforcements are needed at the front." The Union Government proposes to send its share. Only thus can the Empire be saved. With us, it is now or never! Who lives if England dies? If anyone, then would life be worth the living?

Cast aside party; put behind you for the time being your political prejudices; let not loyalty to a mistaken leader, misguide you. Do your duty, regardless of the petty trivialities of the hour which now fade into insignificance in the face of a free and glorious Empire's threatened existence. For a thousand years the red-cross flag of Britain has flown at the mast-head.

"And ever its torn folds rose and fell On the loyal winds that loved it well."

Are YOU going to let it be hauled down now?

COMRADES MOURN HIS LOSS

CHAPLAIN WRITES OF DEATH OF GUNNER HARVEY GODWIN.

"He Was a True Comrade and a Gallant Soldier," Says the Writer—Remains Buried in a Little Cemetery Back of the Lines.

James G. Godwin, of 79 Quebec street, has received the following letter from Capt. Edward W. Hughes, chaplain of the Third Brigade, C.F.A., regarding the death of his son, Gunner Harvey A. Godwin, of the 1st Hunter Battalion.

"It is with deep sorrow that I write to tell you that your dear boy, Harvey, was killed in action on November 8th. It will be a great comfort to you to know that in every respect he was a true comrade, very loving and sincere were the remarks of his chums at the graveside as he recounted his faithfulness as a friend. He was also a gallant soldier. It was his one constant wish to be forward on duty in the place of danger, serving his gun. If he ever came down to rest he fretted to get back again. Such was your boy, and he was, too, a valued Christian. His death is a great loss to us all. His remains lie buried in a nice little cemetery at the back of the lines, and a beautiful cross marks his resting place. His funeral was attended by his comrades, and by the officers and men of his battery."

"I, too, mourn the loss of a dear brother, killed in action a few days before, and I do grieve with you in your sorrow. But great as is the loss, our joy must be greater in the remembrance of their beautiful lives and fellowship, and we do know that the souls of the faithful are in God's gracious keeping till the day dawns when the shadows flee away and tears shall be wiped off all faces, when we shall meet again face to face, to enjoy that peace which is found only in the presence of God."

All join with me in their grief for you, and especially I couple the names of the battery sergeant-major and that of Sergeant Lister.—Yours in deepest sorrow, Edward W. Hughes, chaplain C.F.A., 3rd Brigade, C.F.A."

Passed a Resolution. The Montreal Presbytery on Tuesday night passed a resolution expressive of appreciation of the Rev. Dr. R. Bruce Taylor, former pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, and now principal of Queen's University, Kingston, and regretted losing him from the city.

A YOUTHFUL HERO.

Mrs. Dean O'Donnell, 83 Colingwood street, has received word that her son Morris, aged seventeen, has received the military medal for bravery. This young Kingstonian went to Vancouver five years ago, and went overseas a year and a half ago with the battalion of the late Major J. McD. Mowat. He was only fifteen when he enlisted.

MORE STEAMERS FOR TRADE ON COAST

Many Well-known Vessels Will be Missed on the Great Lakes.

The close of the marine season will see quite a large fleet of vessels from the lakes in service on the Atlantic coast. The lakes will be minus many of the well-known vessels, and it looks as if there will be a great scarcity of steamers for the grain traffic next season.

Among the vessels leaving in a short time for the coast are the steamers Keyport, Keyvive, Beybell and Keynor.

The steamers Arabian and India arrived at Ogdensburg from Montreal, on their way to Kingston, on Tuesday, and were compelled to tie up there owing to a snow storm. It was expected that the vessels would be able to make the rest of their journey to-day.

The steamer Ness arrived from Erie, with coal for the locomotive works.

The steamer Jeska cleared for Sodus on Tuesday.

The steamer Haddington cleared for Oswego, to load coal for Toronto.

The steamer Keyport arrived from Erie, with coal for the locomotive works.

LARGE CROWDS ATTRACTED

To the Grand to See Canning, the Mystery Man.

The great magician Canning is attracting large crowds. The way in which he held the attention of his first local audience on Monday evening was repeated on Tuesday at the Grand Opera House.

Canning has certainly some radical changes from the usual line of such productions. He has many tricks and deceptions and every one of them is executed in a perfect manner. The applause he receives shows that the public appreciates his work.

Perhaps the most interesting part of his entertainment, aside from answers to questions, is the way in which he suspends a girl in the air, shoots off a pistol and as the girl apparently vanishes into space she reappears down the aisle of the house and runs back on the stage.

He had the audience completely at sea in trying to explain how he answers questions. He calls people by their name, knowing even their initials, and then answers by such a statement as: "Frank, I think you will soon; why don't you ask her?" Canning is appearing every evening this week at the Grand.

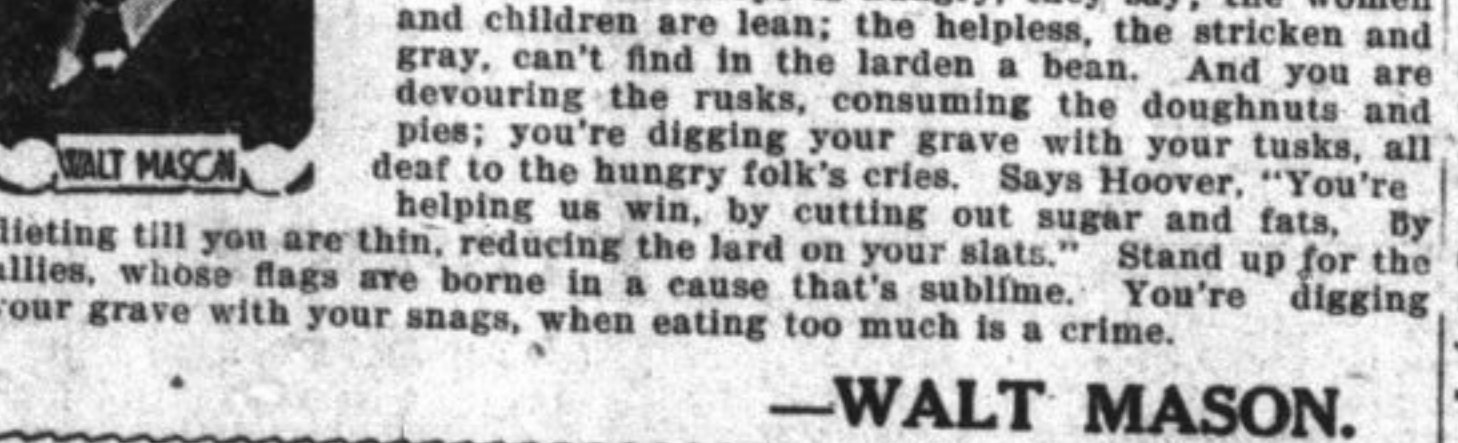
The latest report states that 707-113 of Canada's patriotic people have contributed \$407,344,790 to make the Victory Loan. President Wilson's declaration of war against Austro-Hungary met with general favor in both houses of Congress on Tuesday. Complete unity of action is assured by the new Allied War Council. Ukraine has now seceded from Russia and has its own government.

Rippling Rhymes

EATING TOO MUCH

You're digging your grave with your teeth, you're eating your way to your doom; then some one will come with a wreath, and fasten it onto your tomb. Your stomach is weary and sore, long, long, has it yearned for a rest; and still you keep throwing in more, the which you would have it digest. Go slow on your eating I beg; the money you blow in for pies, would buy some poor cripple a leg, or fix him with ritzy eyes. Oh, list to my patient harangues, with nitrous air, while millions are craving a crust. All Europe is hungry, the helpless, the stricken and gray, can't find in the larder a bean. And you are devouring the rask, consuming the doughnuts and pies; you're digging your grave with your tusks, all dear to the hungry folk's cries. Stand up for the allies, whose flags are borne in a cause that's sublime. You're digging your grave with your snags, when eating too much is a crime.

—WALT MASON.



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CHILD'S TONGUE BECOMES COATED IF CONSTIPATED. When Cross Feverish and Sick Give "California Syrup of Figs." Children love this "fruit-laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again. Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

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TO EXEMPT THOSE NEEDED ON FARMS. Representatives of the Government Will Investigate the Claims. Toronto, Dec. 5.—Pursuant to a recent declaration of Hon. S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia, that he would procure the discharge of any person who had applied for exemption on the ground that he was bona fide engaged in agriculture and whose claim had been, in his opinion, improperly allowed, the Minister has appointed—W. R. F. Parker, Toronto, as his representative to investigate all claims of this kind in conjunction with the representatives of the Minister of Agriculture. Where it is evident that the Military Service Act will operate so as to materially affect production on the farm the person affected will be exempted.

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