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Let your vote and your support earn you the eternal gratitude of the boys at the front.

Will your contribution to the Victory Loan be safe if Laurier and Bourassa gain power? Vote as you contributed.

Only a Union Government could bring about Confederation in Canada. Only a Union Government now can save Confederation.

Read President Wilson's ringing message to Congress. Read Sir Wilfrid Laurier's manifesto. Then tell us which man you are proud of!

If Wilhelm II. were seeking employment—as he soon may be—he couldn't make much use of President Wilson's testimonial to his fitness, now could he?

The clergy of other towns, and cities have publicly announced their allegiance to the Union Government. Have their Kingston brethren no similar duty to perform?

The slacker who refuses to enlist is an object of scorn and derision. What of the slacker who refuses to vote for helping the boys? His lot will not be an enviable one.

Let the politicians play politics if they needs must. The duty of every patriot to-day is to so vote and speak and act as to preserve British liberty and keep faith with the boys who have suffered or died for us.

Unless the Union Government is returned to power with a good working majority, Canada will ere long find herself, politically, financially and industrially in about the same hopeless and helpless condition as now exists in Russia.

Those who do not feel in a position to subscribe \$5, \$10 or \$25 to the kiddies' Christmas fund, are hereby reminded that a gift of even one dollar or less will be just as acceptable. Small as the contribution is, it may save some child from being overlooked.

An issue vital enough—dangerous enough—to bring Premier Hearst and Hon. N. W. Rowell together on an election platform, as occurred at Sault Ste. Marie on Wednesday night, is one of tremendous import to Canada. Its lesson should be plain to every lover of British liberty.

Speaking at Hochelaga the other night, Hon. Rodolph Lemieux, Laurier's lieutenant in Quebec, said, as reported in Le Canada, the Montreal Liberal organ: "We have no interest on the other side of the sea. Why have the Tories imposed censorship on Canada? To create a precedent, in order that Canada may become for England a reservoir of men for the wars of the future. That is the basis of Imperialism."

"THE WILL TO QUIT." Germany originated the policy of the "Will to Victory."

Which Canadian province originated the policy of the "Will to Quit?" How many schools boys can answer this problem?

A PERTINENT QUESTION. "Are we going to allow the French-Canadians to spend the four hundred million dollars raised by the Victory Loan, when they have contributed only five per cent. of it?"

asks Thomas Urquhart, ex-mayor of Toronto and a former Liberal candidate there.

Here is an aspect of the present situation that should make every subscriber to that Loan think, and think hard, before he casts his vote. Are they going to jeopardize this magnificent contribution, raised in the short space of three weeks by over 700,000 patriotic Canadians? That is what the return of Laurier to power will mean. Quebec has ever been the great stamping ground of the evil god of patronage, and how she would delight to get her greedy hands on four million loyal British dollars!

The only way to prevent such a calamity is to support the Union Government and thus make sure that your money is honestly used for its lawful and intended purpose.

If Laurier doesn't get any more support from the army than he gave it he won't poll many soldier votes. Veterans' Associations, returned officers and men are all too well aware where Quebec stands. Many of them have experienced its manifestations of "support." And in this election, as in all future contests, the soldier vote has a right to make itself a power to be reckoned with.

STANDING IDLY BY. "We must be prepared in the next six or nine months to see German preparation and German expectation of victory growing stronger; we must prepare to see our losses becoming increasingly heavy, and we must prepare to see Germany and Austria getting an accession of strength of one million men."

Thus speaks Arthur Pollen, the noted English naval critic, now in Canada. It sums up a condition largely brought about by Russia's desire to fight herself rather than the enemy.

The hour is full of peril. The supreme test is near at hand. Britain needs every man, every gun, case can secure. Canada's help is of vital importance. Shall we stand idly by while all we hold dear in life is crumbling about us? Laurier says: "Wait. Let's have a referendum!" Such folly is lamentable, damnable.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SERVICE. Elsewhere in to-day's issue is published a condensation of the centenary balance sheet of the Bank of Montreal. It is a unique document in the annals of Canadian financial or banking institutions. The Bank of Montreal has now completed its one hundredth year, and reaches this historic mile-post in its career in a stronger and better position than ever before. Another unique feature connected with this anniversary is the completion of fifty years of uninterrupted service in the bank by Sir Vincent Meredith, the president. One could search far and wide on this continent to find a parallel instance.

In his report the general manager takes an optimistic view of the future. Despite the fact that the influx of American capital is now scanty, conditions are favorable. Canada is "on her own," and will henceforth rely upon her own resourcefulness. The inability to borrow may prove a blessing in disguise, once we have adjusted our affairs to the changed conditions. Thanks to the soundness of our banking system and to the healthy condition of our banks, Canada can still hold up her financial head.

An interesting fact in connection with the Bank of Montreal was announced by Sir Frederick when he stated that 42 per cent. of their present staff are women clerks. No less than one hundred members of the staff lie under the sod of Flanders.

A PLEA FOR THE SAILOR LAD. The land forces of Great Britain and other countries are much in the public eye. Their achievements are heralded from day to day in the public press, and their glorious deeds have won them an unimpeachable glory. There is another branch of the service, however, which one does not hear so much about, but which silently and relentlessly pursues its path of duty across the seven seas—the British Navy. Men suffer almost beyond human endurance in the trenches and the mud, but it is no greater than the suffering of the men who keep vigil amid the storms of the Atlantic and the North Sea. As the daily prayer offered by the men of the navy expresses it, "It is upon the navy that, under the good providence of God, the wealth, the prosperity, and the peace of these islands and of the Empire mainly depend."

To-day our sailors face terrible hidden dangers from the foe, who strike in the dark without warning. Generous has been the people's contribution on behalf of the soldier, but the sailor has been forgotten.

There are no pension systems for him or his dependents. When a sailor pays the supreme sacrifice his people in many cases suffer great privation. There are to-day many Canadians in the navy and the mercantile marine. They must become a personal charge upon Canada. Their dependents must be cared for. The Empire looks to these men now to maintain the first and most vital line of defence. Meanwhile they are receiving little encouragement. Their dependents are neglected, their interests overlooked.

Saturday, Dec. 8th, will be Sailors' Day throughout Canada, as announced in an advertisement on another page of to-day's Whig. We should remember their urgent needs, the plight of their dependents on that day and give to the very limit of our resources.

Letters to the Editor

Will Ontario Show the Way?

Lambeth, Ont., Dec. 6.—(To the Editor): Every individual in Canada, if not now, must sooner or later realize that to win the war against Germany is of no greater importance than the protection of our race from its certain downfall, due to the spread of venereal diseases which to-day is rapidly making the most deadly inroads into the lives of our nation.

Much has been accomplished to eradicate the all-too-prevalent and terrible disease, tuberculosis, and justly so, but greater and more far-reaching in its effects are those of venereal diseases, which to-day are eating out the very soul of our race. Tuberculosis, while it predisposes is not a hereditary disease, and with the efficient means we have at hand we are making rapid strides toward the prevention of its spread, but not so with venereal diseases, which are not only communicable, but as well hereditary, carrying their ravages from one generation to another, and unless some stringent steps are taken by those in authority our future generations will find but little Canadian manhood to uphold the glorious name of those who at the front are so nobly making history for them.

Quoting from the Detroit Times, November 16th, the following war measure: "Each physician must report all cases of communicable diseases coming to his attention, together with the source of infection. With this information the state board of health will apprehend such persons and place them in a hospital and treat them at state expense. Your confidence in making these reports will not be violated. Because of the interest the state and national government have taken in this matter, the physician must report the cases or prosecution will surely follow."

Michigan is to be congratulated on this momentous decision to protect her soldiers and citizens. We in Ontario should not be slow to follow. Revolutionary measures can be best undertaken at this time.

when we receive drastic legislation with a better grace than has been our custom in times of peace. More drastic legislation than that of Michigan will alone suffice to meet our ends, for the reasons that the physicians unfortunately find only small percentage of venereal cases. Advertised specifics, nostrums, quacks and various other methods are sought as a means of relief. Therefore Michigan's measure, unless it includes the elimination of the above conditions, will further drive these patients from the physicians and in so doing evade any legislative measures tending to become a remedy.

Treatment in venereal diseases is only a half way measure of protection. To this must be added advice from those competent to deal with such cases, that the infection may be limited.

The Ontario Provincial Board of Health has established well equipped public health institutes, which, with their specially trained bacteriologists, make it possible for all physicians to better diagnose venereal diseases, and to decide when a cure has been effected. With the existing equipment we have now a nucleus with which to begin, additions to our state hospitals, city hospitals, sanitariums, etc., might be provided at state expense to carry on the work until proper state institutions are provided.

An educational campaign should be instituted, and the local physician in each district speak in turn to men and women advising that the children in their households receive proper instruction, when they have reached an age consistent with such teaching. Publicity is the great element in its prevention.

Physicians should be employed to lecture in schools to boys and girls of mature age, just as they are now employed to inspect schools, and advising as to the health of the child. Courses of lectures are the best means of educating the young, and physicians are most competent to do this. I sincerely trust that the authorities will not hesitate to formulate a mode of procedure and follow with the necessary legislation to effect a cure.

—DR. A. ROY ROUTLEDGE.

GERMAN LADS FOR ARMY.

The Sixteen-year-olds Will Soon Be Called Up.

Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—Intimations that Germany is planning to force boys of sixteen and seventeen years into the army are contained in an appeal appearing in the Essen General Anzeiger that they immediately join the juvenile corps.

This great struggle between the nations," says the newspaper, "will necessitate those who are now sixteen and seventeen being called up at no very distant date for army service."

Funds for the Navy.

The Daughters of the Empire in Kingston are interesting themselves in aiding the British navy, and will probably set out to secure a generous sum from the citizens. The cause is a very worthy one, for the safety of the world depends upon these brave fellows. The Whig will give its space to aid the Daughters of the Empire in their laudable endeavors.

Rippling Rhymes

PAYING THE TAX

I'm glad to spend three cents, to mail my silly letters to divers distant gents, with creditors and debtors. I'm glad they tax a hard added cent for mailing a bughouse postal card—such things won't start me wailing. I'm glad they cost me more, when at the cashiers' wickets, I order three or four or seven movie tickets. And very glad I am it costs an extra penny, to send a telegram to my fat sister Jennie! Oh, Uncle Sam, old scout, though cost of living waxes, you cannot scare me out by piling on the taxes! I cannot fill a trench, or figure in the navy, and knock, with sword or wrench, from any foe the gray; the stern physicians say that I'm too old and dippy to drill around all day on meadows red and slippy! I always get a slap when I attempt enlisting; they say they'll win the scrap without my punk assisting. I may not go abroad, I'm barred from battle axes, but I can blow my wad and gladly pay my taxes. A penny more for this, a penny more for t'other; oh, coughing up is bliss—what think you, man and brother?

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



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