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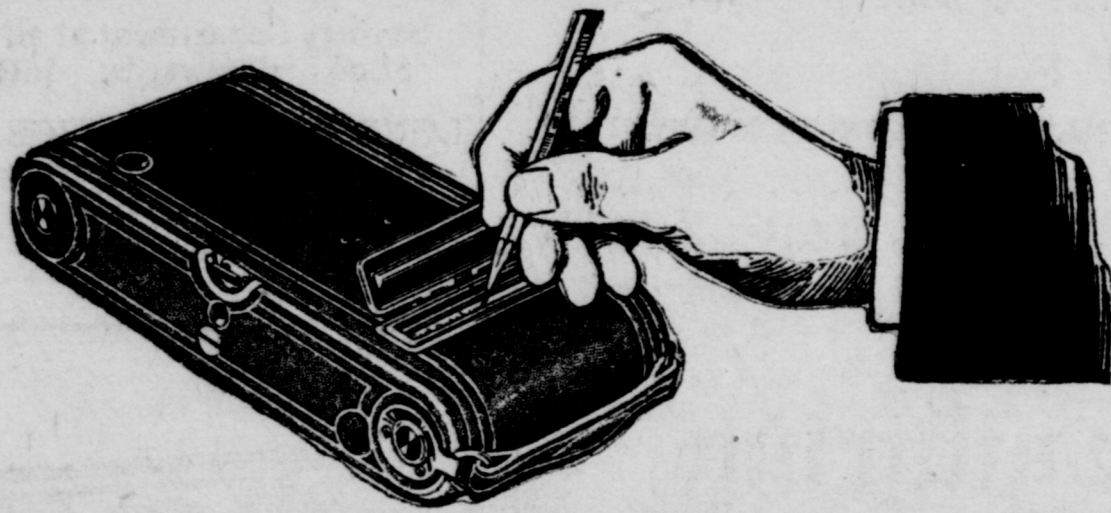
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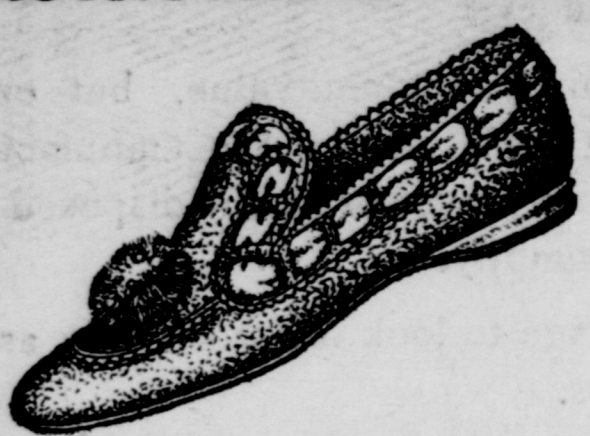
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The 'Disloyalty' Slander

(From the Toronto Globe.)

The discredit and unfounded reflections cast upon the loyalty of Canadian Liberals by Honorary-Colonel W. K. McNaught, ex-M. P. P., at a meeting of Toronto Conservatives, and his mean attempts to evade responsibility for his intemperate language, have aroused the burning indignation of Liberals throughout the Dominion. Canadians at war and the duty of the hour is to promote recruiting and to organize all the available resources of the country with the object of aiding the Allies to smash the enemy. It is in these grave circumstances that an honorary colonel and former Tory M. P. indulges in reckless and violent partisan diatribes not calculated to serve the cause of recruiting or to aid in consolidating Canadian opinion in face of the enemy. Among the many protests received by the Globe is a resolution which was adopted unanimously at the meeting of the Montreal Reform Club, the members voicing in no unmistakable language their utter detestation of those who at a critical period in the history of the Empire seek to create dissension amongst Canadians and to imperil the unity of the Canadian nation.

The resolution of the Montreal Club is as follows:—

The members of the Montreal Reform Club, in meeting assembled, unanimously record in the strongest possible terms their condemnation of the unwarranted, malicious, mischievous and foul statements of such as Hon.-Col. W. K. McNaught, of Toronto, who stated in a public address last week that the bulk of the fighting in France is being done by Conservatives and that the people of Canada do well to be suspicious of the loyalty of the leaders of the Liberal party.

We denounce this foul calumny and aspersion upon the character of Liberals everywhere who have died or have given their sons to die for the preservation of liberty and freedom throughout the world.

Taking cognizance of the threat of various Conservative leaders that if the Liberals of the country, in the exercise of their constitutional rights, put the fortunes of the Conservative party in danger that we will be met with the race, creed and loyalty cry, we strongly urge on Liberals everywhere, individually and collectively, the following course of action:—

(1) That whenever in any public gathering any individual attempts to raise the cry of loyalty against any party the audience immediately protest and prevent any public discussion proceeding until such time as such statements are withdrawn.

(2) That whenever any such statements as those of Hon.-Col. W. K. McNaught are made, let Liberals individually and collectively, pursue such individual fiercely and relentlessly, and make his life miserable.

(3) That we urge Liberals everywhere that they wire and write the Hon.-Col. W. K. McNaught and demand that he withdraw his remarks and apologize abjectly, and humbly give assurance that he will never offend in like manner in future.

(4) That the Liberals of Canada serve notice upon the Conservative leaders that we have reached the limit of endurance, and that they will countenance this campaign at their peril.

(5) That copies of this resolution be sent to Sir R. L. Borden and all the members of the Government, to the leading newspapers throughout Canada, and to Liberal Clubs and Associations everywhere in the country.

BETHMANN VON HOLLWEG ANNOUNCES PEACE PROPOSALS

Germany Weary of War Makes Spectacular Appeal to Neutrals—Terms Are Not Good Enough—Practically All He Offers is Restoration of the Status Quo Before the War—Blatant Hypocrisy of the Chancellor in Reichstag Speech

The Central Powers declare themselves ready to discuss peace. Also they are ready to continue the war if the Entente Allies do not find the time propitious for such a discussion.

That the Entente does regard the time unfavorable for peace on the terms of a status quo, as it is predicted Germany's latest offer, based, has been made very clear by utterances of Allied statesmen and the greatest doubt is expressed that the formal German offer has any ground for bringing, even, a peace conference.

Allied diplomats at Washington interpret the German position as being willing to evacuate Belgium and Northern France but asking economic privileges for the importation of iron ore from France and shipping privileges at Antwerp. Bulgaria is to be rewarded with the half of Serbia and an Austro-German sphere of influence established in Mesopotamia. Such terms will not even be considered by the Entente Allies, who have not yet reached their maximum of strength and are now preparing for new and vigorous effort.

The readiness of the Central Powers to negotiate has been made in identical notes to the United States, Spain and Switzerland, who are asked to make known the contents of the notes to the nations enemy to the Teutonic allies. Notes also have been transmitted to the Vatican, and the active interest of the pope in the peace offers solicited.

While no conditions for peace were mentioned in the notes it was asserted that the proposals to be made by Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria would have for their object a guarantee of the existence of the honor and the liberty of evolution of these nations and would prove "an appropriate

basis for the establishment for a lasting peace."

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg in communicating to the Reichstag the fact of the despatch of the notes said the step was taken on the ground of humanity. The Teutonic allies, he said, could not be conquered and they awaited the answer of the Entente "with that seriousness of mind which is guaranteed to us by our exterior and interior strength and by our clear conscience."

The monthly meeting of the Reformed Baptist Missionary Society of Woodstock will be held Friday evening, Dec. 15th. Mrs. Klenstead, returned Missionary from South Africa, will speak.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S MOVING APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF QUEBEC

He Calls Upon His Young Compatriots to Take Their Part in the Allies Glorious Fight Against Prussian Arrogance and For the Triumph of Justice, Freedom and Humanity

QUEBEC, December 8.—Who is in 1911, was again the scene of a notable gathering when Sir Wilfrid, the leader of the Liberal Party, addressed a large meeting under the auspices of the Quebec Citizens' Recruiting Association.

THOUSANDS NOT ADMITTED
Thousands of people thronged to the hall, which was all too small to accommodate the crowd. Nearly three thousand people filled it, and twice as many more gathered outside, unable to gain admission.

The meeting was most orderly in every respect, and was presided over by Sir Lomer Gouin, who is chairman of the Recruiting Association. Sir Wilfrid delivered a stirring appeal, declaring that when England was at war Canada was at war. He outlined the duty of all true Canadians, and affirmed that if he were a young man he would take up arms and fight for the triumph of justice and humanity.

The historic old hall at St. Peter's Market, which has been the scene of many political gatherings, and in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier received the returns of the elections

NIVELLE, DEFENDER OF VAUX AND DOUAUMONT, IS FRENCH COMMANDER

Paris, Dec. 13.—General Nivelle, General Nivelle, who succeeds General Joffre as commander-in-chief of the French forces on the western front, won his fame at the defence of Fort Vaux and Fort Douaumont. He was subordinate to General Pétain at that section of the western front and succeeded the latter in command.

OFFICERS ARE TO BE WEEDED OUT

Must Revert and Go to the Front or Come Home and Take off Uniform

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—It is announced from the militia department that the number of unemployed Canadian officers in England is to be reduced materially. Officers of higher rank who have not been taken to the front will have to revert to subaltern rank to go to the front or come home and take off the uniform, and no distinction will be made between members of parliament and others. At present there are more than 200 Canadian lieutenants in England on full pay, and General Turner is expected to weed them out at once.

A Tag Day collection will be taken Saturday in aid of the British Sailors' Relief Fund. This fund is used for those dependent upon sailors lost in the British Navy. The need at present is urgent and it is earnestly hoped that everyone will contribute generously to this worthy fund.

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