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What I said November 9, I repeat now: "We shall never sheathe the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium—and I will add Serbia—recover in full measure all and more than they have sacrificed; until France is adequately secured against aggression; until the rights of the small nations of Europe are based upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed."—Premier Asquith.

THE SITUATION AT OTTAWA.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's motion for a parliamentary investigation into the whole operations of the Shell Committee was defeated in the House of Commons yesterday by a vote of 33 to 45. Four conservatives voted with the Liberal minority, viz., Hon. Andrew Broder, W. F. McLean, P. E. Lemarche and A. A. Mondon. Hon. Mr. Broder, who is sometimes called "the Abe Lincoln of the House," is one of the veterans of the Canadian Parliament. In a recent interview Hon. Mr. Broder said:

"I'm getting too near the end of my life to be expected to object to holding an investigation into the work of the Shell Committee. I went to the Premier and told him that if an investigation were decided against I would have to vote against him. He said that if I voted against him it would do him more harm than if almost any other member of the party did so. I replied that I could not alter my views—at my time of life, that I would have to go straight to the end. I would have to vote for the enquiry."

Commenting on the above, the Toronto Telegram, Conservative, said: "A Canadian who was fighting the battles of the Conservative party while Sir Robert Borden was still a Liberal, who was in politics almost before Sir Robert Borden was born, goes to the Premier of Canada and declares his solemn resolve to represent the ideals and serve the interests of the people who put him in Parliament."

The Telegram went on to say: "No political enemy, no critic inside or outside the party, ever painted as unflattering a picture of Sir Robert Borden as Sir Robert painted of himself in the trivialities and the twaddle that he talked to Andrew Broder. Sir Robert Borden was talking to a follower who had passed his 70th birthday. The light of eternity is not far from the youngest in these days when boys die that freedom may live. Andrew Broder had in mind boys who had gone from the homes of his own constituency. An drew Broder may have realized that the day could not be far distant when he must answer for the deeds done in Parliament, not to Sir Robert Borden, not to the party caucus, but to the Judge of All the Earth. The thought may have come to Andrew Broder that he hoped to live longer in heaven than he could live in Ottawa; that he might get the ideals of heaven into Ottawa and could not possibly get the ideals of Ottawa into heaven. No solemn thought inspired Sir Robert Borden, no sacred sense of public duty urged him to take heed to the words of the Great Conservative who refused to barter his party's honor and his country's good for the sake of his leader's smiles."

Hon. Mr. Broder was as good as his word, and cast his vote in favor of Sir Wilfrid's motion. The Ottawa correspondent of the St. John Standard says that Hon. Mr. Broder aspired to a portfolio in the Borden cabinet in 1911, and failed to secure it, and more recently he has been making a bid for a Senatorship. This only bears out what has often been stated, that there is no room for independence of thought in the inner councils of the Tory party; neither is there much encouragement for a man who has expressed his intention "to go straight to the end."

When men like A. J. H. Stewart and Jas. K. Pinder can dictate terms to the Legislature, what are we coming to? It is no secret that last week Mr. Stewart threatened he would "tell the story" if a vote was taken on the Dugal resolution. Mr. Pinder, too, threatened to make a speech—but he changed his mind between morning and afternoon. Why? Did he receive an assurance that his demands would be complied with? What a government we are cursed with!

The Standard upbraids the Telegraph and Times of St. John for stating that Murray and Baxter went to

Ottawa on railway business. The Government mouthpiece here says that these gentlemen have returned from Ottawa, where they were on railway business. Take your choice if you want to. There are many—very many—people who don't want either.

The Toronto Telegram, a Conservative paper, owned and edited by Mr. J. Ross Robertson, ex-M. P., does not see to share the opinion of the graft newspapers concerning Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P. In a recent issue it pays Mr. Carvell this compliment:

"If the Government is counting on the commission to fizzle for lack of evidence, it is liable to be treated to a rude shock. That man from Carleton, N. B., is one of the most industrious persons in all this broad Dominion. He has kept everybody wondering where he got all his information. He is very likely to develop a similar capacity for producing evidence."

If there is a public man in Canada who is really trying to save money for Canada in war time, it is Mr. F. B. Carvell. My, but how the grafters and the graft newspapers hate him.

That was a most unfortunate proceeding, the employment of Dr. Bourque's brother-in-law, Frank Curran, as a spotter upon the chief scaler, Patterson. The lumbermen are angry at this innovation in Crown Land methods. First, the government scaler; second, the chief scaler; third, the spotter. There is no doubt Curran got full pay, but was he always on the job? There might have been some interesting reports had the minister employed a second spotter to watch Curran.

That was certainly a hard slap which the St. John Globe gave Premier Clarke over the Stewart case.

ON THE SIDE.

What d'ye mean—gentle spring!

Those who use cheap material must expect cheap results.

The farmer is only going back to the land when he sells us sand for maple sugar.

"Ruby lips have no charm for Princeton men." They come off too much, that's the trouble!

It takes the moving picture companies to prove that "all the world's a stage."

The chap who gets the hardest knocks in early life is apt to be fairly well content with his lot in after years.

A bachelor may not know why he wishes he was married, but a married man nearly always knows why he wishes he wasn't.

Ferro manganese before the war sold for \$38 a ton. Now it is worth \$1,000 a ton. Look around the cellar. Have you any ferro manganese in your home?

CONSERVATIVE M. P.'S BOLT THEIR PARTY

Ottawa, April 4—By a vote of 33 to 45, a majority of 38, parliament today voted down the motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for an investigation into the operations of the shell committee. Four Conservatives voted with the Liberals, viz: Hon. Andrew Broder, W. F. McLean, P. E. Lemarche and A. A. Mondon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier closed the debate with a great speech in the course of which he denounced the "sinister adventurers who have been levying toll on the treasury of the people and the blood of our soldiers. These are criminals indeed. To shield them will be adding our crime to theirs."

Other speakers were Hon. Andrew Broder, who made a brief statement explaining why he proposed to vote against the government; Mr. E. M. McDonald and Sir Thomas White. Sir Wilfrid, at the opening of the House, denied a newspaper report that he had been called in consultation with the governor general in regard to a certain investigation.

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"A BACHELOR'S ROMANCE"

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Play Well Presented Last Night by
The College Dramatic
Society.

"A Bachelor's Romance" was presented at the City Opera House last night by the U.N.B. Dramatic Society, and was well up to the standard of college plays put on in former years by the University students. The performance deserved a better attendance as the house was only fair. When the fact that many of those taking part in the performance were making their first appearance on the stage, is taken into consideration, the presentation of the play can be said to be good.

The play deals with the fact that Mr. Daniel Holmes, literary critic and writer, has undertaken to bring up the daughter of an old friend. His ward grows into womanhood without her guardian realizing it and his neglect of her produces a number of complications which are solved in the last act by his marriage to her.

Mr. F. C. Cronkite as Holmes, played the lead in an excellent manner, although rather hampered by a stiffness in manner. Mr. J. N. Flood as his brother Gerald Holmes, gave the best presentation of the male members of the cast. Mr. R. G. Cooper as Savage, was also good and the same can be said of Mr. S. M. Somers as Harold Reynolds. Two male comedy roles were in excellent hands, Mr. W. A. Haines playing the part of Martin and Mr. R. Bishop that of Milberry. Mr. Haines was particularly well received.

Miss Dorothy C. Loggie as Aunt Clementina, had a heavy part and gave an excellent presentation of the part, her work being probably the best. Miss Dorothy Green as Sylvia Somers, the ward, also had an exacting part and displayed marked talent. Miss Ella W. Thurrott and Miss Georgiana H. Trueman in minor female roles took their parts in a manner which added much to the presentation.

Lieut. Justin McGrath was the dramatic director and did much toward the successful presentation of the play. A University orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. D. W. Wallace, furnished music.

TO COLLECT FUNDS FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

On Saturday next a special effort will be made to collect funds for the Belgian Relief. This date is the anniversary of King Albert's birth and is a most fitting time for all to help this brave little country's homeless ones.

Reports from most authentic sources state that there should be wholesale starvation within three or four weeks if the importation of food into Belgium were stopped and described in vivid language the crowds that stand in line from one to three hours a day waiting for food. In particular the children are suffering terribly. If supplies were stopped there would be irreparable disaster. It costs only ten cents a day to keep alive a Belgian and it is our duty to do everything we can to help forward this needy work.

The Women's Volunteer Reserve taken this work in hand for Saturday and will sell autograph photographs of the Belgian King. They will also have a tag day on that date and it is hoped that everyone will feel their responsibility and co-operate with these ladies to raise a large sum for the needy ones.

ADMIT GAINS BY THE FRENCH

Berlin, April 5.—French troops have reoccupied a fortified hill northeast of Haumont, on the west bank of the Meuse, the War Office admitted this afternoon. French attacks on the east bank of the Meuse, in Calette wood, broke down with heavy losses for the enemy.

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Lloyds also reports the sinking of the British steamship Bendew with the loss of one of the crew.

Local Option Vote In Illinois

Chicago, April 5.—Practically complete returns today from points where the local option question was voted upon in Illinois, indicate that little advantage went to either side as the result of yesterday's election. Prohibition victories show that between 350 and 400 saloons were eliminated, while towns won by the liquor forces from the dry column will open territory that had more than 250 saloons at the time of the 1912 dry victories.

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